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FOR  
The Improvement  
OF THE  
*Hempen and Flaxen*  
Manufactures in this Kingdom.

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For the Improvement of  
the Hempen and Flaxen Ma-  
nufactures in this Kingdom.

Anno Regni Secundo *Anna* Regina.

An Act for the Improvement of the  
Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures  
in this Kingdom.

**T**HAT the Encouragement of  
the Linnen Manufactures in  
this Kingdom, and preventing  
Abuses therein, Be it Enacted by the  
Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by  
and with the Advice and Consent of  
the Lords Spiritual and Temporal,  
and Commons in this present Parlia-  
ment Assembled, and by the Authori-  
ty of the same, That no Person or  
Persons whatsoever shall after the  
First Day of May, in the Year of  
our Lord God One thousand seven

Statuta-  
ble Yarn.

hundred and six, Sell or Expose to Sale any Linnen Yarn made in this Kingdom, other than in Hanks or Dozens, each Hank or Dozen consisting of Twelve Cutts, and no more; and each Cutt containing One hundred and twenty Threads and no more: And that all the Yarn contained in the said Hank or Dozen be Flaxen Yarn only, or Tow Yarn only, of the same colour and fineness; and that no Tow Yarn be intermixed with the said Flax Yarn; and that each Hank or Dozen be of One Yard and a Quarter in length, and no more; That each Cutt shall be separated of the same shall be Reeled, and not afterwards; and that in the Reeling of the said Linnen Yarn no Person or Persons shall Reel more than One Thread at a time; and that the Standard Reel of this Kingdom shall be Two Yards and an Half in Circumference: That each Person or Persons who shall Sell or Expose to Sale any Flaxen or Tawny Yarn in other manner than as aforesaid, and shall be thereof Convicted, as hereafter is mentioned and expressed, shall forfeit the whole Hank in which any Cutt shall be folly made up, to him,

Reel.

Forfeiture of  
Yarn.



him, her, or them, who shall Inform  
and Prosecute the same with effect.

And forasmuch as great Prejudice  
arises to the Linnen Trade of this  
Kingdom by Reason that the Persons  
who Deal therein make their Cloths  
of such Dimensions as that they can-  
not be Employ'd either at Home or in  
foreign parts, without great Waste  
and manifest Loss: For preventing  
whereof, Be it Enacted, That from  
and after the said First Day of May,  
One thousand seven hundred and  
eighty, no Linnen Cloth shall be made  
in this Kingdom, Sold or Exposed  
to Sale that shall not be Half an  
English Ell, or Two and Twenty  
Inches and a Half broad at the least;  
and that no Linnen Cloth shall be  
Exported that shall not contain Half  
an English Ell, or Twenty Two  
Inches and a Half in breadth at the  
least, and Twenty Yards in length  
at the least, excepting Linnen Cloth  
made or to be made in Imitation  
of Kenting, Cambrick, Wapstall or  
Lawns. That also from and thence-  
forth no piece of Diaper consisting of  
Three Quarters of a Yard, or Twen-  
ty Seven Inches in breadth, and un-  
der One Yard or Thirty Six Inches

Breadths  
of Linnen.

Length of  
Linnen.

## Anno Regni Secundo.

in breadth, shall contain less than Twenty Six Pards in length at the least. That each piece of Diaper containing One Pard and Half in breadth or upwards, shall contain Twelve Pards in length at the least. That each piece of narrow Bed-ticks shall contain Twenty Inches in breadth at the least, and Fifteen Pards in length at the least. And that each piece of broad Bed-tick which shall be Six Quarters or above in breadth, shall contain Six Pards in length at the least. And that all and singular the Canvas or Sail-Cloth made in this Kingdom, each piece do contain Thirty Six Pards in length at the least. And that all Linnen Cloth whatsoever that is Exposed to Sale and Rolled up, be Tied at both ends, and not Sticked up to the end the same may be Opened, and the better Examined by the Buyer. And that all and every Person and Persons that shall presume to do contrary to the Premises, or any part thereof, shall for each Offence Forfeit the said piece of Cloth or Linnen Varn Made and Exposed to Sale contrary to the true Meaning hereof, to the Informer. All and singular

Linnen  
how to be  
made up,

Or For-  
feited:-



singular which said Forfeitures and Penalties shall be Levied and Raised in manner following (that is to say;) Forfeiture how Levied.

That upon Information upon Oath to any Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate of any Corporation in this Kingdom, within the Limits of their respective Jurisdictions and Authorities, against any Person or Persons that shall have acted contrary to the Purport and true Meaning hereof; which Oath the said Justice of Peace or Chief Magistrate are hereby Required and Enabled to Administer: And thereupon the said Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate respectively, shall immediately Issue a Summons in Writing under his Hand and Seal, thereby Requiring the Person or Persons so Informed against, at a certain Day and Place within the Limits of the County or Corporation wherein the said Offence shall be committed, to appear before such Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate respectively, to Answer the said Complaint: At which Time and Place the said Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate respectively, shall in the presence of the Person or Persons Accused, or in Case of his or



her Neglect to Appear, being duly Summoned, proceed to the Examination of the said Matter; and if it shall appear to such Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate respectively, one Evidence upon Oath of One or more credible Witnesses, that the said Person or Persons are Guilty of the said Offences, or any of them; the said Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate respectively, shall by Warrant under their respective Hands and Seals Levy the said respective Forfeitures; and if the said piece of Cloth or Linnen Yarn cannot be found, then the said Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate, shall Levy the Value of Ten Shillings for each piece of Cloth or Hank of Linnen Yarn Made or Sold contrary to the Meaning hereof on the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons Offending, by Distress, Sale or otherwise; and Dispose of the said Forfeiture or Penalty to the Informer or Informers: And for Default of such Distress to be had and taken, that then every such Offender, being above the Age of Sixteen Years, shall by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice of the Peace or Chief

Chief Magistrate, be publickly set in the Stocks in the next Market-Town, on the Market-Day, in the Time of High Market, for the space of four Hours.

Be it further Enacted, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced or brought against any Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate, Constable, or other Officer or Person whatsoever, for doing or causing to be done any thing in pursuance hereof, the Defendant in such Action may Plead the General Issue, and give the Special Matter in Evidence; and if upon such Action Verdict be given for the Defendant, or the Plaintiff become Non-suit, or discontinue his Action, then the Defendant shall have treble Costs.

Costs to the Defendant.

And be it further Enacted, That no Person shall be prosecuted or troubled for or by Reason of the said Frauds and Abuses, unless the same be proved or prosecuted within Thirty Days next after the Sale, or Exposing to Sale of such fraudulent and corrupt Linen Yarn or Cloth not made according to the Rules aforesaid.

Time limited for Prosecution.

And be it further Enacted, That from and after the first Day of August,

Linen Duty free;

gust, One thousand seven hundred and five, there shall be paid no Duty whatever to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, for, or on Account of the Exporting of any Flaxen or Hempen Cloth Made or Manufactured within this Kingdom.

Weavers  
exempt  
from Ju-  
ries, &c.

And be it further Enacted, That every Linnen Weaver being a Protestant, having Served his Apprenticeship to the said Trade for the space of five Years, and being Set up for himself, and keeping one Loom or more constantly Employed in the Linnen Manufacture, shall be Exempted from being Petty-Constable or Church-Warden, or Sides-man for the Term of seven Years, from the Time of his first Setting up, and be also a Free-man of the City or Town Corporate wherein he shall Set up his Trade, during his Residence and following the said Trade therein; and be also exempted from Serving on Juries at Assizes or Sessions.

Proviso.

Provided nevertheless, and it is the true Intent and Meaning hereof, That no Protestant Weaver, as aforesaid, shall be Entitled to Enjoy the aforesaid Privileges and Immunities unless he shall have Served five Years

Apprenti-

Apprenticeship to the said Trade, and  
 Worked Two Years after at the  
 same as a Journey-man, except such  
 as shall be actually Master Work-  
 man, or have passed their Times of  
 Apprenticeship before the Commence-  
 ment of this Act.

And be it further Enacted, That the like Priviledges and Immunities shall extend to all Foreigners Master Work-men, being Protestants, as are now or shall hereafter come into this Kingdom and Set up Looms, and Work at the Linnen Trade: And that no Toll shall during the continuance of this Act, be paid or payable for any Linnen Cloth, Lin-  
 nen Yarn, or for Hemp or Flax Sold in any Market or Fair; or the Passage of them or any of them over any Bridge or through any Town or other Place whatsoever: And also,  
 That from and after the First Day of May, which shall be in the Year of our Lord God One thousand seven hundred and six, there shall be paid in this Kingdom half the Tythe of Hemp or Flax, or the Twentieth part thereof, only for and during the Term of Three Years, and no longer,

Foreigner  
 exemp-  
 ted.

Toll.

Tythe.

Prohibited



Name  
Wove  
in the  
Cloth.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be Lawfull to and for every Trader, Dealer and Weaver of the Linnen Manufacture, to Weave his Name or for some known Mark to any piece of Linnen, if he shall so think fit.

Coun-  
terfeit.

And if any other Person shall Counterfeit the said Mark or Name, being Lawfully Constituted thereon upon Oath of one or more credible Witnesses or Witnesses before any Two Justices of the Peace, he shall forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds; the one Polety thereof to the Informer, and the other Polety to the Poor of the Parish where such Offence shall be committed: The same to be Levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods of the Person Offending herein, upon and after such Conviction, as aforesaid, by Virtue of the Warrant of such Justices of the Peace before whom such Conviction shall be made.

Ashes,  
Foreign  
Seed,  
Looms,  
Duty free.

And forasmuch as Foreign Pot-Ashes and Wood-Ashes are absolutely necessary for the carrying on of the Linnen Manufacture in this Kingdom; yet by Reason of the excessive Duty which heretofore has been laid



on the said Foreign Ashes, Merchants and Dealers therein are greatly Discouraged and in great measure prevented from Importing the same into this Kingdom: Be it Enacted, That from and after the first Day of August, One thousand seven hundred and five, no Duty shall be Demanded, Levied or Raised for or by reason of the Importing of such Foreign Pot-Ashes or Wood-Ashes; and likewise of all Holland Flax-seeds, or of Russia or Muscovia Flax-seed or Hemp-seed; or for any Loom or Looms, to the use and behoof of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors; but that the same shall and may be from thenceforth freely Imported into any Parts of this Kingdom, Duty-free, any Law, Statute or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted, That no Person or Persons shall make use of any Lime in the Whitening or Bleaching any Linnen Cloth or Linnen Yarn, the Offender to Forfeit the Sum of five Pounds, and the Cloth or Yarn so Whitened with Lime, to the Informer; to be Levied and Recovered in manner as before is limited and appointed for the  
Re.

Lime.

Recovery of the Pains and Penalties  
Inflicted on such as Counterfeit the  
Name or Mark of the Traders,  
Dealers and Weavers.

Statute  
Yard.

And be it further Enacted, That  
all Linnen Cloth Sold in this King-  
dom shall be measured by the Yard,  
containing Thirty Six Inches, ex-  
cepting Fine Linnen Cloth made in  
imitation of Holland, which shall be  
Measured and Sold by the Ell con-  
taining Forty Five Inches.

Anno Regni Sexto *Anne* Regina.

An Act for the further Encou-  
ragement and Improvement of the  
Hempen and Flaxen Manufacture.

**F**Orasmuch as the Flaxen and  
Hempen Manufactures are, al-  
most the only Branch of Trade (which)  
this Kingdom hath left, wherein to  
Employ the Hands of the Poor Inha-  
bitants thereof) the same ought to be  
duly Promoted and Encouraged.

And whereas also the Importation  
of good, sound Foreign Hemp-seed  
into this Kingdom, at easie and rea-  
sonable

sonable Rates, will much conduce to the Improving of the Hempen Manufacture; Be it Enacted by the Queens Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled and by the Authority of the same, that whoever shall import, or cause to be Imported into this Kingdom any good and sound Hemp-seed, of the Growth of Russia, Germany, the Netherlands, and the East-Country, within the Space of nine Years next after the Twenty fourth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and seven, shall receive for every Hogshead of such Hemp-seed as a Præmium, the Sum of five Shillings Sterl. to be paid such Officer or Officers, and in such manner as Drawbacks are usually paid.

Præmium  
for Hemp-  
Seed Im-  
ported.

Provided, That during the said term of nine Years, every Merchant who shall Export any Hemp-seed, shall for every Hogshead, so Exported, Pay five Shillings Custom to the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, unless Oath be made before the Sub-Commissioners or Officer of the

Proviso.

Port that the (same to the best of the Knowledge or Belief of the Person making such Oath) was of the Growth of this Kingdom.

Premium  
for Sail  
Cloth Ex-  
ported.

Be it likewise Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That for the better Encouraging and making of good Sail-Cloth in this Kingdom, the Exporters of such Sail-Cloth well and sufficiently made (to any Parts beyond the Seas at any time within the Space of Nine Years, next after the said Twenty Fourth Day of December, in the Year of Our Lord M<sup>th</sup> thousand seven hundred and seven) shall receive, as a Premium, for every Yard of Top-Sail Canvas made of sound and good Hemp, of Ten Pence per Yard value, and under Fourteen Pence so Exported, the Sum of One Penny; and for every Yard of Sail Canvas, made in imitation of Holland-Duck, of the value of Fourteen Pence per Yard and upwards, so Exported, the Sum of Two Pence Sterling to be paid by such Officer or Officers (the Exporter of the Cloth making Oath, that the said Cloth is made of Hemp, as aforesaid, of the Growth of this Kingdom) in such manner as Drawbacks are usually paid.

And



And for ascertaining the Value of such Cloth, the Commissioners in the Port of Dublin, and the Principal Officers of the Custom-House, in all other the Ports, or any Two of them, whereof the Collector for the time being to be one, shall have Power to choose Two indifferent Merchants (experienced in the Value of such Linnen Cloth to be Exported) who upon viewing of the said Linnen Cloth, shall Certifie and Declare upon their Corporal Oaths, first Administred by the said Commissioners or Officers, what the respective Values of such Cloth to be Exported are; and if such Merchants shall Certifie the Values of such Cloth to be Exported, to be as aforesaid, then, and in such Case, such Allowance and Payment of the Præmium shall be made as aforesaid.

And forasmuch as Pot-Ashes and other Materials for Bleaching of Linnen, and for making of Soap, are at present very scarce and dear, and the making of Ashes of Sea-wreck commonly called Kelp, in places lying on the Sea-shore, will be very Necessary and of great Use and Benefit to the whole Kingdom in Bleaching of

Præmium  
for Kelp.



For Nine  
Years  
from  
1707.

To be  
Levy'd  
by the  
Grand-  
Jury.

Linnen; Be it further Enacted, That from and after the said Twenty Fourth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and seven; during the space of Nine Years, from thence next ensuing, every Person and Persons who shall Make or cause to be Made any Kelp of Sea-wreck, in any County of this Kingdom, shall and may, have and receive, as an Encouragement or Reward, for making the same, the Sum of Two Shillings Six Pence Sterl. for every Tun of Kelp so Made within such County; and so rateably and proportionably for a greater or lesser quantity.

And for the certain payment thereof accordingly; Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Grand-Jury, or Grand-Juries at any the General Assizes, which shall be Held for any County where Kelp shall be made, shall be, and are hereby Impowered and Required to Apportion the said Sum of Two Shillings and Six Pence per Tun, and so rateably to be paid as a Reward and Encouragement for making such Kelp as aforesaid, upon the Inhabitants of the said County, in such Method and Manner as other Publick Taxes of such

such County are usually Applotted, due proof on Oath, being first made to the Satisfaction of such Grand-Jury, of the quantity of Kelp so Made, or caused to be Made, and which before that time had not been paid for, which Oath the Justices of Assize, at the Assizes, are hereby Authorized or Required to Administer, in Order to the said Juries Examining the Matter, as in like Cases is usual, whereupon the Court, where such Applotment shall be made, shall make their Order for Levying thereof accordingly, in such manner as other Publick Charges are Levied; and that when the Money so Applotted shall be Levied, the same shall be paid to such Person or Persons as hath made, or caused to be made such Kelp as aforesaid, without Fee or Reward for the same.

And whereas the excessive Fees taken by the Officers of the Customs, on the Exportation of Linnen Cloth, bought by Seamen and Others for their Own or Families Use, is a Discouragement to the said Linnen Manufacture; Be it therefore further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Twen-

Custom-  
House  
Fees.

ty Fourth Day of December, One  
 thousand seven hundred and seven,  
 there shall be paid to all or any of  
 the Patentee Officers, or any other  
 Officer or Officers of Her Majesty's  
 Customs or Revenue, their Clerks or  
 Servants for Fees, or upon any pre-  
 tence, or for any Cause whatsoever,  
 for any one Entry of Linnen Cloth  
 that shall be Exported, or Entred to  
 be Exported, containing less than  
 Fifty Eight pieces, One Penny for  
 each piece and no more; and for any  
 one Entry containing Fifty Eight  
 pieces, or upwards, the Sum of Four  
 Shillings and Ten Pence, and no  
 more, nor more than Six Pence for  
 any Certificate of such parcels, being  
 of the Growth and Manufacture of  
 this Kingdom; and in Case any Of-  
 ficer or Officers shall Demand or Re-  
 ceive any greater Fee then as afore-  
 said, contrary to this Act, he or they  
 so Offending, and being duly con-  
 victed thereof, shall ipso facto Forfeit  
 his and their Employment and Im-  
 ployments, and be incapable ever af-  
 terwards, of having or enjoying any  
 Office or Employment in the Re-  
 nue in this Kingdom, Information or  
 Oath being first given thereof within

the space of Fourteen Days after the Offence committed, to some one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, for the County or City where such Offence shall be committed.

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Houses of Correction in every County of this Kingdom, shall before the Twenty Ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and eight, be sufficiently Enlarged with all conveniences for dressing and preparing of Hemp and Flax at the charge of each County, respectively: And when every such House of Correction shall be so Enlarged, the same shall be also used as, and called the House of Correction and Work-house, for the preparing and dressing of Hemp and Flax.

And for the better Governing of the said Work-house, Be it further Enacted, That the Grand-Jury (for every respective County within this Kingdom at the Summer Assizes to be held yearly for every such County) may be, and hereby are Required and Impowered to name and chuse fit and proper Persons (not exceeding Three in Number) to be Overseers.



Master  
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of such Work-house within the County such Grand-Jury shall Represent for the space of One Year, from the said Twenty Ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and eight, and so Annually: And that no Person whatsoever shall be Keeper or Master of any the said Houses of Correction or Work-houses, but such Persons as shall be knowing and well skilled as well in Sowing Hemp and Flax-seed, as in dressing and preparing Hemp and Flax for Spinning: And that such Master or Keeper may be placed in such Place or Office by such Overseers, as also removed by them, for any Fault or Misdemeanour from time to time as to them shall seem meet; and that the Presentment in that behalf shall be made to the Judge or Judges of Assize, in the like manner as other Presentments are usually made; and that before such Keeper or Master shall be admitted into such Place or Office, he shall give sufficient Security to the Overseers so Elected, for the due performance of his Office Yearly; to be from time to time approb'd of, and allowed by the Overseers of the said Work-house for the time being.

And



To Sow  
Hemp and  
Flax.

And be it further Enacted, That  
such Keeper or Master for the time be-  
ing, as part of his Duty in his said  
Place or Office, may be Obligated to  
sow, or cause to be Sowed Yearly,  
at least Two Acres, Plantation Mea-  
sure, of proper and fit Land, with  
Hemp or Flax-seed: And also that  
such Master or Keeper of every of the  
said Work-houses for the time being,  
shall take such Apprentices from  
time to time, and for Term, not  
exceeding Three Years, as the said  
Overseers, for the time being shall  
think fit and appoint to be Educated  
in, and Employed in well ordering  
and preparing Hemp and Flax, or  
one of them, and such Apprentices,  
are to continue in the same Service  
with the Master or Keeper of the said  
Work-house, for the time being un-  
der the Covenants and Agreements,  
and during the Term that in their  
respective Indentures of Apprentice-  
ship, shall be mentioned and con-  
tained: And that no such Master or  
Keeper, shall be Goaler or Keeper of  
any Prison, or use any Trade or  
Calling, during the time he shall  
be, or continue Master or Keeper of  
any of the said Houses of Correc-  
tion

on and Work-houses, other then what appertain to the preparing and well ordering of Hemp and Flax and for the Enabling and Encouraging every such Master or Keeper to perform his Duty in his said Place or Office, of Keeper or Master.

Salary to  
the Ma-  
ster.

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Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Sums of Money hereafter next mentioned, shall be paid to every such Master or Keeper, for the time being, by the Overseers for the time being, to be appointed as aforesaid; (that is to say) the Sum of Twenty Pounds Sterl. for the first Year, next ensuing the Twenty fifth Day of September. One thousand seven hundred and eighty whereof the said Master or Keeper is hereby appointed and required to lay out and Employ the Sum of Ten Pounds Sterl. in Hemp-seed and Flax seed, or in one of them; and in preparing Ground for Sowing such Seed according to the intent and meaning of this Act: And also the Sum of Ten Pounds Sterl. for every Year after the end of the said first Year, until the end of Six Years from thence next ensuing. And the Keeper or Master of every such Work-house for the time being

ing (as a further Encouragement to  
 have himself well in his said Place or  
 Office) shall have free liberty of Sell-  
 ing and Disposing of all Flax and  
 Hemp, that shall be dressed and pre-  
 pared in such Work-house, whereof  
 he is Master or Keeper, during the  
 time he shall be Master or Keeper there-  
 of to his own Use and Advantage, the  
 said Master or Keeper finding and pro-  
 viding, at his own cost, the Hemp or  
 Flax that shall be from time to time  
 there so dressed and prepared.

And that a Spinning-School, or a Spinning-  
School.  
 School for Teaching to Spin Flax  
 and Hemp, or one of them, shall be  
 kept and taught in every Town or  
 Place where any such Work-house,  
 as herein is mentioned, shall be un-  
 der the conduct and inspection of some  
 fit Person duly qualified to Instruct  
 Children in the Art of Spinning  
 Hemp and Flax, or one of them, which  
 Person for Teaching such School,  
 shall be nominated and Appointed by  
 the Overseers respectively, of every  
 such Work-house for the time being,  
 together with the Number of Chil-  
 dren as they shall think fit and conve-  
 nient to be Taught and Instructed in  
 the Art of Spinning in every such  
 School;

School; and that every such Person so Employed in Teaching to Spin, shall be obliged by the said Overseers, and are hereby required to Teach no less than Twenty at one time, in the said Art of Spinning as aforesaid, in Case so many shall be offered to Learn the same; and to do the same Gratis, without Fee or Reward. And that for the Enabling and Encouraging such Persons as shall Teach to Spin, in every such Spinning-School and doing their Duty in the said Place or Office, the several Sums of Money hereafter next mentioned, shall be paid to every such Person as shall, for the time being, Teach such School, by the Overseers for the time being (that is to say) the Sum of Ten Pounds Sterl. for the first Year next ensuing the Twenty Ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and eight, whereof the said Person so Teaching every such School, is hereby appointed and required to lay out and Employ the Sum of Five Pounds Sterl. in Spinning-wheels and Reels, to be Employed in every such School, which the Overseers are hereby directed and required to see duly laid out, and the remaining Five Pounds to be



the proper Use of such Person as  
shall Teach such Spinning-School ;  
and also the Sum of Six Pounds  
perl. for every Year after the end of  
the said First Year during the space  
of Six Years, from thence next ensu-  
ing, and that the said Person keeping  
any such School for the time being,  
for a further Encouragement to do her  
Duty, and behave herself well in  
the said Place of Teaching such  
School to Spin, shall, and may  
have free and full liberty of Selling  
and Disposing of all Barn of Flax  
and Hemp, and either of them, to  
her own Advantage and Use, that  
shall be Spun in such School respec-  
tively, the said Person Teaching  
such School at her own Cost, pro-  
viding and finding such Flax and  
Hemp that shall be so Spun there ;  
and that the said first Payment to be  
made to the Teacher of the School to  
Spin ; and the said first Payment to  
be made to the Master or Keeper of the  
said Work-house, shall be paid on the  
Twenty Ninth Day of September,  
one thousand seven hundred and  
eight, the better to enable them to do  
their respective Duties in their several  
Places respectively. And that every  
such

such Work-house and Spinning-school shall be under the Government and Direction of the said Overseers, to from time to time named and Chosen yearly as aforesaid; and that such Overseers shall have Power to rectify and amend all Disorders that shall happen to be, or arise, in every such Work-house and Spinning-school, either of them, according to their Reason and Discretion, wheresof they are to make Report, and give an Account yearly to the Grand-Jury of the County, where such Work-house or Spinning-school shall be, at the Summer- Assizes that shall be held for such County.

Allowances to Masters of Work-Houses.

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And whereas the Allowances for the support of the Masters of Work-houses, and Mistresses of Spinning-schools in each County aforesaid, for the space of Seven Years commencing from the Twenty Ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and eight, will amount to the Sums following, (viz.) for the First Year Thirty Two Masters at Twenty Pounds each, Six Hundred and Forty Pounds: Thirty Two Mistresses, at Ten Pounds each Three Hundred and Twenty Pounds

Total

Total for the First Year, Nine Hun-  
dred and Sixty Pounds: For the Se-  
cond Year, Thirty Two Masters, at  
Ten Pounds each, Three Hundred  
and Twenty Pounds: Thirty Two  
Mistresses, at Six Pounds each, One  
Hundred and Ninety Two Pounds:  
Total for the Second Year, Five  
Hundred and Twelve Pounds; For  
the Years more, at Five Hundred and  
Twelve Pounds, Two Thousand  
and Sixty Pounds:  
Total for Seven Years, Three Thou-  
sand Thirty Two Pounds.

Be it further Enacted by the Au-  
thority aforesaid, That the said Sum  
of Nine Hundred and Sixty Pounds,  
for the First Year, may be paid in  
the manner following, (that is to say)  
That the Collector of Her Majesty's  
Revenue for such District, where such  
Hale shall be, do Pay the Sum of  
Thirty Pounds to such Persons as the  
Magistrate and Jury of such County shall ap-  
point, or their Order, at their Sum-  
mer Assizes, to be Overseers of the  
Work-house and Spinning-school  
in that County, to be by them Paid  
for the Uses aforesaid, for the de-  
paying of the Charges of the First  
Year: And for every succeeding Year

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of the Seven Years aforesaid, That each Collector do Pay over to such Persons as aforesaid, or their Order the Sum of Sixteen Pounds; which said several Sums, so Paid by such Collectors, shall be allowed in their Accounts of Contingences.

And whereas by an Act of Parliament made in this Kingdom, in the Second Year of Her present Majesty's Reign, Intituled, An Act for the Improvement of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures in this Kingdom. It is Enacted, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, shall Expose to Sale any Linnen-Barn made in this Kingdom, other than in Hanks or Dozens, each Hank or Dozen to consist of Twelve Cuts, and no more; and each Cut to contain One Hundred and Twenty Threads, and no more.

Reeling  
of Yarn.

Now for the more easie Discovering any Abuse in the Number of Threads, so to be made up, We further Enacted, That every Cut of One Hundred and Twenty Threads be sub-divided into Six Loops, and that every Loop shall contain Twenty Threads.

Journey-  
men-  
Weavers.

And for the better Regulating of Journey-men-Weavers, We it further



Enacted, That no Master-Weaver, or  
 other Person, may, or shall presume  
 to Entertain any Journeyman Lin-  
 en-Weaver Inhabiting in this King-  
 dom, in any Imployment as a Lin-  
 en-Weaver, unless such Journey-  
 man-Weaver shall first produce to the  
 Master or Person about to Hire him,  
 a Certificate in Writing, under the  
 Hand of the Master he last Served in  
 this Kingdom, of such Journeyman's  
 being Discharged from his former  
 Master's Service, by consent of such  
 Master: And if any Master without  
 just Cause, shall refuse to give such  
 Certificate, upon Complaint made  
 thereof by such Journeyman, to a Ju-  
 stice of the Peace of the County, or  
 Chief Magistrate in any Corporate  
 Town where such Master Inhabits,  
 he shall send to the Master, and re-  
 quire from him, the Reason why  
 such Journeyman is refused such Dis-  
 charge and Certificate of his Behavi-  
 our; and in Case the Justice of the  
 Peace, or Chief Magistrate, shall find  
 that the cause of the Refusal of such  
 Certificate was not sufficient, in eve-  
 ry such Case the said Justice of the  
 Peace, or Chief Magistrate, may,  
 and is hereby required to give a Cer-  
 tificate

tificate of such causeless Refusal, which Certificate, by the said Justice of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate shall be as effectual, as if a Certificate had been given by such Master, and shall be given without Fee or Reward; and shall Discharge such Journeyman as fully to all intents and purposes: And that any Journeyman Counterfeiting or Producing Counterfeited Certificate under the Hand of any Master or Justice of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate, shall be committed to the House of Correction and there kept, for the space of Six Months to hard Labour. And if any Master shall take into his Service any Journeyman, who has been in any former Service, without such Certificate from the former Master, whose Service such Journeyman last was, or of such Justice or Chief Magistrate, every such Master, receiving such Journeyman as aforesaid, in his Service as aforesaid, being then Lawfully Convicted at the Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held for the County or Place where such Offence shall be committed, shall Forfeit the Sum of Forty Shillings, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Master,

enders Goods, by Warrant from  
such Quarter-Sessions of the Peace,  
sending to the Party the Overplus,  
the Moiety of every such Forfeiture  
to be to the Queen's Majesty, Her  
Heirs and Successors, and the other  
Moiety to the Informer, who shall  
discover and make out the same.

And forasmuch as several Persons  
have Bought, and do actually Buy  
up great quantities of Linnen-Ware,  
without regard to its being made up,  
as by the above-mentioned Act is pre-  
scribed and appointed; and have Sold  
and do usually Sell the same again  
in Packs, or great Parcels to Mer-  
chants and Others, who Export the  
same, tho' not made up according to  
the said Recited Act) into divers  
Counties beyond the Seas, to the  
great discredit of the Linnen Ware of  
this Kingdom; For the better preven-  
ting and discovering of the Defects of  
such Ware in the making up thereof,  
and for preventing of any Combinati-  
on that may be between the Makers  
and Buyers of the said Ware, that  
shall be so Exported to Sale, as to the  
Defaults thereof, in its not being  
made up according to the said former  
Act and this present Act,

Seizure of  
Yarn.

Be it Enacted, That if any Linnen-Yarn that shall be so Exposed to Sale, shall be found not to be made up according to the said former Act, before this Act shall be in Force, and according to the said former Act and this present Act, after this Act shall be in Force; or if any Linnen-Cloth made in this Kingdom to be Exposed to Sale, shall not be made according to the intent and meaning of this Act, and the said former Act, that then as often as it shall so happen, any Person or Persons that shall make such Discovery, of any such Faults, in making Linnen-Yarn, or in the making such Linnen-Cloth, may Take and Seize the same to the intent that such Linnen-Yarn, or Cloth so Seized, may be carried before the next Justice of the Peace of the County, or Chief Magistrate of any City or Town, where such Seizure shall be made, who is hereby Impowered and Required to Hear, Examine and Determine the said Matter: And if such Justice of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate, shall upon Examination on Oath view, or Confession of the Offender, or good Evidence, find such Yarn or Linnen-Cloth to be so Faulty



and Insufficient, and so shall De-  
 are and Adjudge the same, by Writ-  
 ing under his Hand and Seal, for  
 which he shall take no Fee, that then  
 the same shall be Forfeited, and the  
 Property thereof shall be, and is here-  
 vested in the Informer, to all In-  
 ts and purposes: But in Case such  
 Worn or Cloth shall be found by and  
 or such Justice of the Peace or  
 Chief Magistrate, to be sufficiently  
 proved according to Law, in that Case,  
 provided such Worn or Cloth so Seized,  
 shall be restored to the Owner; and  
 the Person or Persons so Informing  
 and Seizing the same, shall Forfeit  
 the Owner of such Cloth or Worn,  
 Treble the Damage by him sustained  
 by such Seizure, to be Adjudged by  
 such Justice of the Peace, or Chief  
 Magistrate; and in Default of paying  
 such Treble Damages, such Ju-  
 stice of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate,  
 hereby Impowered and Required to  
 commit such Informer to Goal, there  
 to remain without Bail or Mainprize,  
 until he shall pay and satisfy the  
 same.

And whereas by the said Act, Inti-  
 tled, An Act for the Improvement of  
 the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures

Toll.

in this Kingdom. It was Enacted  
That no Toll should be paid for any  
Linnen-Cloth, Linnen-Parn, or  
Hemp or Flax Sold in any Market  
or Fair, or for the Passage of them  
or any of them over any Bridge,  
through any Town or other Place  
whatsoever, which Clause for want  
of a Penalty inflicted on those that  
should Take or Exact such Toll  
contrary to the said Act, has not had  
its due Effect.

Be it further Enacted, That whosoever shall Demand, Exact, or Take  
any Toll, or Customs, for any Lin-  
nen-Cloth, or any Parn, made of  
Hemp, or Flax, or Sail-Cloth,  
Canvas made in this Kingdom, or  
any Hemp or Flax, shall Forfeit the  
Sum of Ten Pounds, for every such  
Offence, to be Recovered by such Per-  
son or Persons who shall Sue for the  
same, in a Summary way before the  
Judge of Assize, in the County where  
the Offence is committed, in the  
manner as Debts are recoverable by  
force of them.

Anno Regni Octavo *Anne* Regina.

An Act to Amend the Defects  
of such Acts as have been made re-  
lating to the Hempen and Flaxen  
Manufactures; and to Encourage  
the further Improvement thereof.

Forasmuch as several Acts of Par-  
liament made in this Kingdom,  
specially One Act made in the Sixth  
Year of Her present Majesty's Reign,  
intituled, An Act for the Encourage-  
ment and Improvement of the Hem-  
pen and Flaxen Manufacture. Have  
been found by experience not to have  
fully and effectually Answered the  
purposes for which they were intended,  
and that particularly because no men-  
tion is made nor Encouragement given  
for Flax-seed to be Imported; which  
if Granted, would greatly Conduce  
to the Improvement of the Linnen  
Manufacture of this Kingdom.

Be it therefore Enacted by the  
Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by  
and with the Advice and Consent of  
the Lords Spiritual and Temporal  
and Commons in this present Parlia-

**Premium  
for Flax-  
seed.**

ment Assembled and by the Authority of the same, That whosoever shall Import or cause to be Imported into this Kingdom, any good and sound Flax-seed of the Growth of Russia, Germany, the Netherlands or East-Country, at any time within the remainder of the ~~Five~~ Years in the said recited Act mentioned, shall receive for every Hogshead of such Flax-seed as a Premium the Sum of Five Shillings, to be Paid to the Importer by such Officer, and in such manner as the Five Shillings a Hogshead for Hemp-seed is by the said Act directed and appointed to be Paid.

**Premium  
for Sail-  
Cloth Ex-  
ported.**

And for a further Encouragement to the Manufacture of Sail-Cloth, Be it Enacted, That over and above what is allowed in the said former Act, and for every Yard of Sail-Cloth made of sound and good Hemp of Ten Pence per Yard Value, and under Fourteen Pence so Exported, the Sum of One Penny; and for every Yard of Main-Sail or course Canvas in imitation of Holland Duck, of the value of Fourteen Pence or more, made of Hemp, Two Pence, for the Term of Three Years from the ~~First~~ and Twentieth of September,

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One thousand seven hundred and nine,  
Paid to the Importer by such Of-  
fer, and in such manner, and upon  
such Examination and Proof as by the  
said Act is directed and appointed.

And whereas no Provision is made  
by the said Act, for Erecting and En-  
larging the Houses of Correction in  
Counties of Cities and Counties of  
Towns, and for making the same  
Work-houses as is thereby provided for  
Counties at large.

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ther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Houses of Correc-  
tion in all and every of the Coun-  
ties of Cities and Counties of Towns,  
shall before the Twenty Fourth Day  
of June, One thousand seven hundred  
and ten, be sufficiently Enlarged ;  
and in case such Enlargement cannot  
conveniently be made for want of a  
sufficient quantity of Ground thereto  
next adjoining, then and in such case,  
the said House and Houses of Corre-  
ction shall be Built in some other  
more convenient place within the same  
County of City or Town where there  
shall be a sufficient quantity of  
Ground for the doing thereof, such  
Place or Places where the same shall  
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be Built, being set out and appointed by the Grand-Jury of every such County of City or Town, at the Summer-Assizes, to be Held Yearly for every such County of City or Town by and with the Consent of the Proprietors of such Ground, with all the like conveniences of Dressing and preparing of Hemp and Flax, or either of them, at the Charge of every such County of Town or City respectively; and that the Grand-Jury of every such County of City or Town at the Summer-Assizes to be held Yearly for every such County, may and are hereby Required and Impowered to Choose and Name Overseers for such Work-house, not exceeding Three in Number, which Overseers or any Two of them, are also to Nominate and Appoint Keepers and Masters of the said Houses of Correction or Work-house in their respective Counties, which said Overseers or Masters of Houses, shall be under such Qualifications, Rules, Directions, Restrictions and Orders, as are set forth more fully in the aforesaid Act, in relation to Overseers and Masters of Houses of Correction and Work-houses of Counties at large

also to have the same Salaries, Allowances, or other Sum or Sums of Money Yearly to them respectively paid, and after the same manner with the like Advantages and Profits arising out of each said House, as Masters or Keepers of such Houses in the Counties at large, by Virtue of the said Act.

And be it further Enacted by the Spinning-  
 Authority aforesaid, That a Spin- School.  
 ing-School or a School for Teaching  
 to Spin Hemp or Flax, shall be  
 from and after the Twenty Fourth  
 Day of June, One thousand seven  
 hundred and ten, Kept and Taught  
 in every County of a Town or Coun-  
 ty of a City, where any such Work-  
 house as herein mentioned shall be to  
 the same end and purpose; and un-  
 der the care of a Person duly quali-  
 fied pursuant to the said Act, to be  
 nominated and Appointed by the  
 Overseers, or any Two of them re-  
 spectively of every such Work-house;  
 and that the Person so Teaching to  
 Spin Hemp or Flax shall be a Master  
 or Mistress, and be under the same  
 Government and Direction of such  
 Overseers, or any Two of them, and  
 be Paid such Annual Sums or Sal-  
 laries,

laries, and Receive such Profits and Advantages out of the said School as Persons Imployed in such Schools in the Counties at large, have by Virtue of the said Act.

Apprentices to the Masters of Work-Houses.

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And for Encouraging the Masters and Keepers of such Houses of Correction and Work-houses, fully to Teach and Instruct his Apprentices in the Art and Mystery of well ordering and preparing of Hemp or Flax, or either of them.

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every such Master or Keeper, who shall so fully Instruct and Teach his Apprentice or Apprentices the said Art or Mystery, as shall be approved of, and allowed by the respective Overseers, or any Two of them for the time being, and the Grand-Jury of the said County at any Assizes for the said County, to be Master of the said Art or Mystery, that then such Master shall for the space of Ten Years, and no longer, to commence from the first Day of September, which shall be in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and nine, have for each and every such Apprentice, not exceeding five in Number, the Sum of Forty Shillings; which



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which said Sum shall be presented by  
each Grand-Jury in each County, and  
apportioned in the same manner as  
other County Taxes or Cesses are;  
and when Levied, the same shall be  
paid to such Master or Keeper accord-  
ingly, without any Fee or Reward  
to be given for the same, any Act to  
the contrary made in any wise not-  
withstanding.

And for the better Encouragement **Weaver**  
and Advancement of the Trade, Art **when to**  
and Mystery of the Weaving and Ma- **Set up**  
king of Flaxen and Hempen Cloth: **for him-**  
it is further Enacted by the Autho- **self.**  
rity aforesaid, That if any Person  
whatsoever, being a Native of this  
Kingdom, not having Served his Ap-  
renticeship to the Trade of Weaving  
Flaxen Cloth for the space of Five  
Years, and for the Weaving of Sail-  
Cloth for the space of Two Years,  
and not having Wrought at the Flax-  
en Trade as a Journeyman for the  
space of Two Years, shall from and  
after the said First Day of September,  
set up for himself, and keep a Loom,  
and Work at the same as a Weaver of  
Linnen-Cloth, such Person so Acting  
shall, upon Complaint and Oath  
made thereof, before any Justice of the  
Peace

Penalty.

Peace in such County wherein such Person so Acting shall Live, or Reside, be Bound over to the next General Sessions of the Peace for such County; and being there Lawfully Convicted, he shall for every such Offence Forfeit the Sum Fifty Shillings, to be Levied by Distress and Sale of his Goods, by Warrant from such Sessions of the Peace rendering to the Party the Overplus One Half of the said Forfeiture to for the Use of the Person who shall Prosecute and Sue for the same, and the other Half to the Poor of the Parish wherein he doth Live or Reside and where no Distress shall be found such Offender shall be committed to the House of Correction for the Space of One Month.

Masters  
and Mi-  
stresses of  
Work-  
Houses:

And whereas the Nature of the Soil of this Kingdom is very different in the several Provinces thereof, so that in some Parts or Counties therein is more proper to produce Hemp, and in other Parts or Counties Flax. And whereas the Spinning of Hemp is more properly the Work or Labour of Men, and Spinning Flax the Work or Exercise of Women: Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That

Person may be deemed and allowed by the Overseers, or any Two of them, of such Work-houses, to be duly qualified to be Masters or Keepers of such Work-houses, who shall be sufficiently Skilled in the Saving, Managing and Dressing of either Hemp or Flax: As also, that Men may be allowed to Keep, Teach and Manage such Spinning-schools as are or shall be appointed for Spinning of Hemp, and Women or Men those for the Spinning of Flax, any thing to the contrary here- in any former Act notwithstanding. And whereas several Persons have been Prosecuted by Indictment or Indictments, or otherwise, for what they have done or done in pursuance of the said former Acts, For Improvement of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures in this Kingdom, or any of them, where- in they have been put to great Charges and Trouble: Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Person or Persons now are or shall hereafter be Prosecuted by Indictments, or be otherwise Sued or Im- peached for what he or they have done, or shall do, in pursuance of this or the said former Acts, or any of them; it shall be Lawful to and for such Per- son

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son or Persons so Prosecuted, or other-  
wise Sued or Impleaded, upon any  
Action or other Suit brought or to  
be brought or commenced against him  
or them, for Acting pursuant to the said  
Acts, or any of them, to Plead the Ge-  
neral Issue, and give this and the said  
former Acts, or any of them, in Evi-  
dence: And if the Plaintiff be  
Sued, or Verdict pass against him  
or such Person or Persons be Acquitted  
on such Indictment, the Defen-  
dant shall have treble Costs, to be  
paid by such Plaintiff or Person who  
shall on Behalf of Her Majesty Pro-  
secute such Indictment: And the  
said Action or Indictment shall be  
Tried in the proper County, where  
such cause of Action or Suit did arise  
or such Fact was or shall be commis-  
sed, and not elsewhere: And if the  
said Action or Suit be brought, or  
Indictment found, in any other Coun-  
ty than where the said Fact was  
shall be committed, or cause of Action  
or Suit did or shall arise; Verdict  
shall in every such Case pass for the  
Defendant, and such Defendant shall  
be dismissed, and shall have treble  
Costs, to be paid by such Plaintiff  
or Prosecutor as aforesaid.

And



Anno Regni Nono *Anne* Regina.

An Act to Enforce such Acts, as have been Made for the Improvement of the Linnen Manufacture, and for a further Regulation of the same.

Whereasmuch as the Flaxen and Hempen Manufacture is found to be in a declining Condition, notwithstanding the several Acts of Parliament made in this Kingdom for Encouragement and Improvement thereof, more especially an Act made the last Session of this present Parliament, Intituled, An Act for Grant. to Her Majesty, an Additional Duty on Beer, Ale, Strong-Waters, Tobacco, Callicoes, Linnens, and other Goods and Merchandizes, and also a Duty on Rock-Salt.

And whereas the several Acts of Parliament have not answered the said purposes for which they were intended, because the said Encouragements so Granted, have not been put to any just Regulation or Management.

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And whereas a Duty on all White, Painted and Stained Callicoes, and all sorts of Linnen which shall be Imported into this Kingdom at any time within the space of One Year which commenced the Twenty Fifth of June One thousand seven hundred and nine, is to continue by the said Act, until the Twenty Fifth of June One thousand seven hundred and ten, and from thence to the end of the next Session of Parliament, and no longer.

Duties on  
Linnen  
and Calli-  
coes.

And whereas the further Improvement of the said Wempen and Flax Manufacture, depends in a great measure upon the continuance of the said Duty, and a just Distribution thereof: Be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by Authority of the said Lords and Commons, That all White, Painted and Stained Callicoes, and all sorts of Linnen which shall be Imported into this Kingdom at any time within the space of Seven Years, commencing from the End of the next Session of Parliament, and from the Expiration

on of the said Term of Seven Years,  
to the End of the then next Session  
of Parliament ensuing, shall Answer  
and Pay unto Her Majesty, the sever-  
al Rates and Duties following  
(that is to say) One Shilling and  
Six Pence per Yard, for every Yard  
of White, Painted and Stained Cal-  
icoes which shall be Imported into  
this Kingdom within the time afore-  
said, and Six Pence per Yard for  
every Yard of any sort of Linnen  
which shall be Imported into this  
Kingdom during the time aforesaid,  
the said several Duties to be Raised,  
levied, Collected and Paid to Her  
Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors,  
during the respective times aforesaid,  
over and above all other Duties pay-  
able for the same, by Virtue of an Act  
made in this Kingdom, in the Four-  
teenth Year of the Reign of King  
Charles the Second, Intituled, An  
Act for Settling of the Excise or new  
impost upon His Majesty, His Heirs  
and Successors, according to the Book  
of Rates therein inserted. And by  
Virtue of one other Act made in the  
said Fourteenth Year of the Reign of  
the said King Charles, Intituled, An  
Act for Settling the Subsidy of Poun-

dage, and Granting a Subsidy of Tunnage, and other Sums of Money, unto His Royal Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, the same to be Paid upon Merchandizes Imported and Exported into or out of this Kingdom of Ireland, according to a Book of Rates thereunto annex'd.

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Duties to  
the use of  
the Hem-  
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ctures.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the aforesaid respective Duties Laid and Imposed by this Act, on all White Printed and Stained Callicoes and other sort of Linnen, which shall be Imported into this Kingdom after the End of next Session of Parliament, for the space of Seven Years and from thence until the End of the then next Session of Parliament ensuing, shall be applied to the use of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures in this Kingdom, and to no other use whatsoever.

Board of  
Trustees  
of the  
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pointed.

And that the Duties may effectually Answer the purposes for which they are intended, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of this Kingdom for the time being, shall and may and is hereby enabled to Prolong



And Appoint certain Trustees for the disposal and Management of the said Estates, according to the Trusts and Powers herein after Vested in them, to consist of an equal Number of Persons out of each of the Four Provinces of this Kingdom.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Sums of Money arising from the said Estates so Granted, shall from time to time be Paid by the Vice-Treasurer or the Receiver-General of this Kingdom to the Trustees, by Warrant under their Hands, or the Hands of the major part of them present, a Majority not being less than five Number, which shall be appointed pursuant to this Act, without any other or other Warrant to be Sued for had or obtained in that behalf.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Trustees or the major part of them as aforesaid, shall and may from time to time as often as they shall think Meet and Assemble together in the convenient place to settle and direct such Matters as may be most reasonable and conducive to the Estimating and Carrying on the said

Warrant  
for Mo-  
ney.

Trustees  
to meet,

Manufactures in this Kingdom, and for preventing all Abuses that may happen in the same.

Linnen Duties, one half to be apply'd to the Hempen Manuf-  
Aure,

And forasmuch as the Hempen Manufacture of this Kingdom deserves a due Encouragement, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be Lawful for the said Trustees or the major part of them as aforesaid, and they are hereby required to apply Annually during the continuance of the said Duties one Poiety of the Money so arising from them to the advancement and carrying on the said Hempen Manufacture of this Kingdom; and also That it shall and may be Lawful and for the said Trustees or the major part of them, and they are hereby required to apply the other Poiety of the Money so arising from such Duties, to the Improvement and Encouragement of the Flaxen Manufacture in this Kingdom.

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Servants appointed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Trustees or the major part of them shall and may appoint a Clerk, Keeper, and other necessary Servants to attend them, and Ascertain and Direct proper Salaries for the said Clerk

and Clerk, Door-keeper, and other Ser-  
vants respectively, not exceeding in  
the whole the Sum of One Hundred  
pounds per Annum, to be paid out  
of the said Duties Granted as afore-  
said; and that the said Trustees or  
the major part of them, such Majori-  
ty not being under Seven in Number,  
shall and may Enter into any Con-  
tract or Contracts with any Person  
or Persons, that they or the major  
part of them as aforesaid, shall judge  
proper for the carrying on of the said  
Linnen and Flaxen Manufacture.

Power to  
Contract.

And to the intent that every Buyer  
of Cloth may know the exact Num-  
ber of Threads in the Breadth of  
Harp of all Linnen Cloth, and  
thereby judge of the goodness thereof.

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Be it further Enacted by the Au-  
thority aforesaid, That from and af-  
ter the First Day of January, in the  
Year of our Lord One thousand seven  
hundred and eleven, every Weaver  
shall be obliged on the Penalty of  
five Shillings at the end of every  
piece of Cloth he shall Weave, ex-  
cept Diapers, Damasks and Buga-  
maks, to run a very coarse Thread  
coloured with Black and Dyle through  
every Two Hundred Threads of the

Warp of the said Cloth, so as to distinguish the Number of Hundred Threads in the Breadth of the said Cloth, and also another course coloured Thread as aforesaid, to be run within less than One Quarter of an Inch of the former, in like manner through every Forty Threads of the Warp of the said Cloth, so as to distinguish the Number, Beers or Scores of Threads in the Breadth of the said Cloth; and in Case any Weaver shall so Mark his Cloth with the coloured Thread in such manner as aforesaid, to make them appear to be One Hundred or more Threads than they really are, to Forfeit Twenty Shillings for every piece so made, the said several Penalties to go to the former, and to be Levied by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any one Justice of the Peace, on the Goods and Chattles of the Person Offending, by Distress and Sale.

Penalty.

Prosecutors to appeal to the Assizes.

And forasmuch as many of Your Majesty's Faithful Subjects of this Kingdom who have applied their Industry to deal in the Linnen Trade, are greatly Discouraged therein, by the not Executing of the Statute made in this Kingdom, in the Second



and Year of Your Majesty's Reign,  
intituled, An Act for the Improve-  
ment of the Hempen and Flaxen Ma-  
ufactures in this Kingdom. For Re-  
edy whereof, Be it further Enacted  
by the Authority aforesaid, That in  
case any Justice of the Peace, or  
Chief Magistrate of any Corporation  
in this Kingdom, within the Limits  
of their respective Jurisdictions and  
Authority, shall neglect or refuse to  
execute the said Statute, or in the  
execution thereof, shall fail of pur-  
suing of the intent and meaning of the  
said Statute, to the Discouragement  
of the Informer, or to the wilful de-  
ment or prejudice of the Party In-  
jured against, that then and in such  
case it shall and may be Lawful to  
and for the Party or Parties Agrieved,  
to make his or their Appeal or Ap-  
peals, to the next going Justice or Ju-  
stices of Assize of that Circuit, who  
shall by the Authority of this Act, be  
enabled and Required to Examine  
upon open Court, into the Truth of the  
Allegations of all and every the Par-  
ties, as to the Rights and Interests  
of the Parties Littelant, and to make  
such final Judgment, Order and De-  
crees therein, as to such Justice or Ju-  
stices

Justices of Assize shall seem meet and reasonable, for the furtherance of the ends and purposes of the said Statute.

Justices of  
the Peace  
Finnable for  
neglect.

And as for and concerning the Conduct and Behaviour of the Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate of any Corporation within the Limits of their respective Jurisdictions and Authorities, in relation to the Execution of the said Act, and within the Counties whereunto the said Justice or Justices of Assizes are Commissionated or Appointed, in Case the said Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate, shall appear on such Examination as aforesaid in open Court Evidently to have neglected or otherwise to have abused the Authority to him given by the said Act, that then it shall and may be Lawful to and for the said Justice or Justices of Assize, and he or they are hereby required to Impose a Fine not exceeding Five Pounds, on such Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate, according to the nature of such Offence, in Order to Deter others from neglecting or abusing their Authorities in like Occasions, the said Fine to go to the Informer, and to be recovered by Civil Bill.

And whereas the Linnen Cloth of  
this Kingdom, is under some Discre-  
tation Abroad, by reason of their  
containing the same Breadths and  
lengths for which they are Sold,  
And whereas the Merchants who  
export the Linnen Cloth of this King-  
dom, do not know what Appellati-  
ons or Names to give the said Cloth  
whereby to distinguish them which is  
disadvantage to the said Cloths.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Au-  
thority aforesaid, That every piece of  
Linnen Cloth of one Yard and a  
Quarter in Breadth, containing at  
least Twenty Four Yards in  
length, shall be called by the Name  
of Ulsters. Every piece containing  
one Yard and Half a Quarter in  
breadth, and at the least Twenty  
four Yards in length, to be called  
by the Name of Lurgans. Every  
piece of Linnen containing One Yard  
in Breadth, and at the least Twenty  
Yards in length, to be called by the  
Name of Lisburns. Every piece of  
Linnen containing Three Quarters  
and a Half in Breadth, and at the  
least Twenty Yards in length, to be  
called by the Name of Colleraines.  
Every piece of Linnen containing  
Three

Denomi-  
nations of  
Cloths.

Three Quarters and a Pail in Breadth, and at the least Twenty Yards in Length, to be called Antrim's. Every piece of Linnen containing Three Quarters in Breadth, and at the least Twenty Yards in Length, to be called Dungannon's. Every piece of Linnen containing Half a Yard and Half a Quarter in Breadth, and at the least Thirty Yards in Length, to be called Munster's. That every Person who shall Expose any Cloth to Sale under any of the Denominations before mentioned, shall make on a Parchment Label appending to the said Cloth, the Name of the said Cloth, and the Number of Yards, and the Breadth thereof, for which he is to be Answerable, as also the Length and Breadth of every piece of Diapers, and every piece of Canvas of the several sorts mentioned in the Act for the further Improving the said Manufacture.

And whereas by an Act, Intituled, An Act to amend the Defects of such Acts as have been made relating to the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures, and to Encourage the further Improvement thereof. An Encouragement was intended to be given to the



Exporter of Sail-Cloth, yet by mistake in the Ingrossing or Transcribing the said Act, a Premium of one Penny per Yard for every Yard of Sail-Cloth of Ten Pence per Yard value, and under Fourteen Pence exported, and a Premium of Two Pence per Yard for every Yard of Main-Sail or course Canvas, in imitation of Holland-Duck, of the value Fourteen Pence or more, was given to the Importer instead of the Exporter thereof.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said several Premiums by the said Act Expressed to be given to the Importer, shall be given to the Exporter, and not to the Importer of such Sail-Cloth.

Premium  
to the Ex-  
porter of  
SailCloth.

Anno Regni Secundo Georgii.

An Act for continuing the Encouragement given by former Acts of Parliament, to the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures: and for the further Improvement and Regulation of the same.

Whereas by an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Her

Her late Majesty Queen Anne, Intituled, An Act for the Encouragement and Improvement of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufacture. It is Enacted That whosoever shall Import, or cause to be Imported into this Kingdom any Good and sound Hemp-seed of the Growth of *Russia*, *Germany*, the *Netherlands*, and the *East-Country*, within the space of Nine Years next after the Twenty Fourth Day of December One thousand seven hundred and seven, should Receive for every Hogshead of such Hemp-seed as a Premium the Sum of Five Shillings Sterling, to be Paid by such Officer or Officers, and in such manner as Duties are usually Paid.

And whereas by an Act passed in the Eighth Year of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, Intituled, An Act to Amend the Defects of such Acts as have been made Relating to the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures, and to Encourage the further Improvement thereof. The same Premium of five Shillings is given for every Hogshead of Flax-seed Imported for the said Term, and in the same manner as is given by the said First Recited Act.

And whereas the Importation of Foreign Hemp-seed and Flax-seed into this Kingdom is found to be of great Advantage to the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures, and that the Continuance of the said Premiums should very much conduce thereto.

Be it therefore Enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That whoever shall import or cause to be Imported into this Kingdom, any good and sound Hemp-seed or Flax-seed of the Growth of Russia, Germany, the Netherlands, or the East-Country, within the space of Twenty One Years, next after the Twenty Fourth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and sixteen, and from thence, to the End of the then succeeding Session of Parliament, shall Receive for every Hoghead of such Hemp-seed or Flax-seed as a Premium, the Sum of Five shillings Sterling, to be paid by such Officer or Officers, and in such manner as Drawbacks are usually paid.

Premium  
for Hemp  
and Flax-  
Seed Im-  
ported.

Prohibited,

Proviso.

Prohibited, That during the Term of Twenty One Years, and until the End of the then succeeding Session of Parliament, every Merchant who shall Export any Hemp Seed or Flax-seed, shall for every Bushell thereof so Exported, pay for Shillings Custom to the King, his Heirs and Successors, unless Warrant made before the Sub-Commissioner or Officer of the Port, that the same was of the Growth of this Kingdom.

And whereas the Encouragement given by the said Acts, to the making of Sail Cloth, hath hitherto for the most part proved uneffectual, by reason of the short Term for which such Encouragement was given.

Premium  
for the  
Exporta-  
tion of  
Sail Cloth.

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person or Persons who shall Export out of this Kingdom any good Sail Cloth well and sufficiently made, to any Parts beyond the Seas, at any time within the space of Ten Years next after the Twenty Fourth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and sixteen, shall Receive as a Premium for every Yard of Sail Cloth made of sound and good Hemp of Ten Pence per Yard value, and under

If our



Fourteen Pence, so Exported, the  
 Sum of Two Pence: For every  
 Yard of Main-sail or course Canvas  
 made in imitation of Holland-Duck,  
 the value of Fourteen Pence per  
 Yard, or upwards, so Exported, the  
 Sum of Four Pence Sterling, and  
 after the Expiration of the Term of  
 seven Years, that from thence, during  
 further Term of Eleven Years,  
 any Person or Persons so Exporting  
 such Sail Cloth, shall Receive as a  
 Premium for every Yard of such Sail  
 Cloth of Ten Pence per Yard value,  
 or under Fourteen Pence, so Ex-  
 ported, the Sum of One Penny: And  
 for every Yard of such Main-sail or  
 course Canvas, made in imitation of  
 Holland-Duck, of the value of Four-  
 teen Pence per Yard, or upwards, so  
 Exported, the Sum of Two Pence  
 Sterling, to be paid by such Officer  
 Officers, and in such manner as  
 Warrants are usually paid, the Ex-  
 port of such Cloth, or any other  
 Person or Persons first making Oath,  
 that the said Cloth is according to  
 the best of his knowledge and Belief,  
 made of Hemp of the Growth of this  
 Kingdom, and that such Sail Cloth  
 has never before Exported, nor any  
 E De:

Debenture Issued out, or Premium paid for the same.

And for ascertaining the value of such Cloth the Commissioners in the Port of Dublin, and the principal Officers of the Custom-House, in all the other Ports, or any Two of them, whereof the Collector for the time being, to be always One, shall have Power, and are hereby required to choose Two indifferent Merchants, or other Persons, the most Experienced in the value of such Cloth to be Exported that can be got, who upon viewing the said Cloth, shall Certifie and Declare upon their Corporal Oaths, which the said Commissioners and other Officers, are hereby empowered to Administer, what the respective value of such Cloth to be Exported are, and if such Merchants shall Certifie the value of such Cloth to be Exported as aforesaid, then, in such Case, such Allowance and Payment of the Premium shall be made as aforesaid.

And whereas by the said Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of the late Majesty Queen Anne, It is further Enacted, That from and after the said Twenty Fourth Day of December, On

thousand seven hundred and seven, during the space of Nine Years from thence next ensuing, every Person or Persons, who shall make, or cause to be made, any Kelp of Sea-Wreck in any County of the Kingdom, shall and may have and receive as an Encouragement or Reward for making the same, the sum of Two Shillings and Six Pence sterling, for every Tun of Kelp so made within such County. Which encouragement is fit to be continued.

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Reward of Two Shillings and Six Pence per Tun, be continued from the Twenty Fourth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and sixteen, for, and during the space of seven Years from thence next ensuing, to be paid to such Person or Persons as shall make or cause to be made, any Kelp of Sea-wreck, in any Counties within this Kingdom, to be Applootted, Raised, Levied, and Paid, within the respective Counties of this Kingdom, in such manner and form, as by the said Act made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, is Expressed, Directed and Appointed.

Premium  
for Kelp:

Abuses in  
making  
of Kelp.

Penalty.

And to prevent Abuses in making of Kelp, We further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall mix any Stones or Sand among Kelp, at, or after the making thereof, or shall expose to Sale any Kelp mixt with any Stones or Sand, such Person or Persons so Offending therein, shall for every such Offence, Forfeit a Sum not less then Five, or more then Twenty Shillings to any Person or Persons who shall give Information thereof to any Justice of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate, within their respective Jurisdictions in this Kingdom, who on Examination, and Proof thereof made by the Oath of One or more credible Witnesses or Witnesses, which Oath, the Justice of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate, is hereby Impowered to Administer, may finally Determine the same, and Ascertain the Forfeiture, and Issue his Warrant, Directed to any Constable or Constables of the said County, to levy by the Sum so Forfeited, by Distress and Sale of the Goods of the Offender, Rendering him the Overplus, if any be, and to pay the Sum so Levied to such Prosecutor.

And



And whereas many Evil Disposed persons do make up and Reel their Yarn contrary to the Good Laws made for the Regulation thereof, and Export the same beyond the Seas, to the Defrauding of those that Traffick therein, to the great Discredit and Prejudice of the Trade of this Kingdom; For the more effectual Discouragement thereof,

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the first Day of January, One thousand seven hundred and seventeen, all Flax-Yarn which shall be Exported to any parts beyond the Seas, and is not Reeled and Wadded up in the same manner as all Yarn Exported to Sale is ordered and Directed, by an Act passed the Second Year of the Reign of our late Majesty Queen Anne, Intituled, An Act for the Improvement of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures in this Kingdom. Shall pay the Sum of One Half-penny for every Pound of such Yarn Exported for Custom, to our King, His Heirs and Successors, over and above what is already Due and Payable for the same.

Duty on  
Unstatu-  
table  
Yarn.

And whereas by an Act passed in the ninth Year of the Reign of our late

**Majesty Queen Anne, Intituled, An**  
**Act to Inforce such Acts as have been**  
**made for the Improvement of the Lin-**  
**nen Manufacture. And for a further**  
**Regulation of the same, It is Enacted,**  
**That all White, Painted and Stained**  
**Callicoe's and all sorts of Linnen**  
**which should be Imported into this**  
**Kingdom, at any time within the space**  
**of Seven Years, Commencing from the**  
**End of the then next Session of Parlia-**  
**ment, and from the Expiration of the**  
**said Term of Seven Years, to the End**  
**of the next Session of Parliament ensu-**  
**ing, should Answer and Pay unto Her**  
**then Majesty the several Rates and Du-**  
**ties following, (That is to say) One**  
**Shilling and Six Pence *per* Yard for**  
**every Yard of White, Painted and**  
**Stained Callicoe's which should be Im-**  
**ported into this Kingdom within the**  
**time aforesaid, and Six Pence *per* Yard**  
**for every Yard of any sort of Linnen**  
**which should be Imported into this**  
**Kingdom, during the time aforesaid**  
**over and above all other Duties pay-**  
**able for the same. And also further**  
**Enacted, That the said Duties should**  
**be Applied to the Use of the Hemp-**  
**en and Flaxen Manufacture in this**  
**Kingdom, and that the said Duties**  
**might**

might effectually Answer the purposes for which they were intended. It was thereby further Enacted, That the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of this Kingdom for the time being, should and might, and were thereby Enabled to Nominate and Appoint certain Trustees for the Disposal and Management of the said Duties, according to the Trusts and Powers therein after Vested in them, to consist of an equal Number of Persons out of each of the Four Provinces of this Kingdom. Pursuant to which Act, Trustees were accordingly Nominated and Appointed.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said several Additional Rates and Duties of One Shilling and Six Pence per Yard for every Yard of White, Painted and Stained Callicoe's, and Six Pence per Yard for every Yard of any Sort of Linnen, be, and continue Due and Payable to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for all such White, Painted and Stained Callicoe's and Linnen which shall be Imported into this Kingdom, during the remainder of the said first Term of Seven Years, in the said Act mentio-

Duty on  
Linnens  
and Calli-  
coes con-  
tinued.

oned: And also during the further Space and Term of Seven Years, from the Expiration of the said former Term of Seven Years, and from the End of the said last mentioned Term of Seven Years, to the End of the Session of Parliament then next following, which said Duties shall be Applied to the Uses of the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures in this Kingdom, and be subject to the Disposal, Order and Management of the said Trustees appointed, pursuant to the said Act, and of such other Persons as by Vertue of this present Act shall be hereafter appointed, in the same manner as the same are hereby Ordered, Directed and Appointed.

Powers  
to the Government  
to Nominate new  
Trustees  
in the  
Room of  
such as  
shall happen to  
Dye,

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when and as often as any of the Trustees nominated and Appointed, pursuant to the former Act, shall happen to Dye, that in such Case, the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governour or Governours of this Kingdom, for the time being, shall and may, and are hereby Enabled, from time to time, to Nominate and Appoint, such other Person or Persons, to be a Trustee



Trustees for the Management and Disposal of the said Duties, according to the Trusts and Powers by the said former, and this Act Vested in them, in the Place and Room of each of the said Trustees as are now dead, or shall so happen to Dye, to always chosen out of the same Provinces of this Kingdom, for which the respective Person or Persons now dead, or so Dying, were formerly appointed; And that such Itinerant Man, Flax and Hemp Man, as the said Trustees shall appoint, may be more faithful in the Execution of their respective Offices. Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall, and may be Lawful, to, and for the said Trustees, or any five of them, to Administer the following Oath, to such Itinerant Man, Flax and Hemp Man, as they shall Employ.

A. B. Do Swear, That I will well and truly Execute the Office of an Itinerant Man, Hemp or Flax Man, according to the best of my Skill and Knowledge, that I will Obey all Lawful Commands and Directions, which I shall receive from the Trustees appointed

Oath of  
an Itine-  
rant Man.

pointed for the Improvement of the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures and will make just and true returns of my Proceedings, and of such Things as shall be given me in Charge by the said Trustees relating to the said Manufactures, according to the best of my Knowledge and Information, without Fear, Favour and Affection.

*So help me God.*

And for the better Instructing the common People of this Kingdom in the most advantageous Methods of Dressing Hemp and Flax,

County  
Work-  
House un-  
der the  
Direction  
of the  
Trustees.

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall, and may be Lawful, to, and for the Grand-Juries of the several and respective Counties, Counties of Cities, and of Towns within this Kingdom at Assizes to be held for any County, Counties of Cities, and Towns, by Presentment to be made in the usual manner of Presentment to appoint and set off any part of the present Houses of Correction, and Work-houses within the said several Counties, Counties of Cities, and Towns, to be more particularly used and called the Work-house of

pective County, in which such Pre-  
 sment shall be made; which said  
 work-house so Approved, and Set  
 as aforesaid, shall be Governed,  
 directed, and Disposed of, in such  
 manner as to the said Trustees, for  
 Improving the Flaxen and Wem-  
 Manufactures of this Kingdom,  
 all seem meet.

And be it further Enacted by the  
 Authority aforesaid, That it shall and  
 may be Lawful for the said Trustees,  
 the major part of them, not being  
 less than Seven, to Augment the  
 yearly Sallery of their Clerks,  
 work-keeper, and other necessary Ser-  
 vants, with any Sum, or Sums of  
 money they shall think fit, provided  
 the same do not, in the whole, exceed  
 the yearly Sum of Fifty Pounds, to  
 be paid out of the Duties aforesaid :  
 and for preventing Frauds and Abu-  
 ses committed by Weavers,

Augmen-  
 tation of  
 the Salla-  
 ries of the  
 Clerks,  
 &c.

Be it Enacted by the Authority  
 aforesaid, That if any Weaver shall  
 neglect to Weave any Flaxen or  
 Wempen Worn, delivered to him, by  
 any Person or Persons, into such  
 cloth, and in such time and manner  
 as was Contracted and Agreed for, or  
 shall Waste, Imbezil, or Damage,

Weavers  
 Punisha-  
 ble for  
 Abuses in  
 Weaving.

or suffer to be Wasted, Imbezeled, or Damaged, any Flaxen or Hempen Yarn delivered to him; such Weaver shall for every such Offence, Forfeit and Pay to the Person Agrieved, any Sum not less than Two Shillings and Six Pence, nor more than Twenty Shillings, to be Ascertained and Determined by any Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate in Cities and Towns Corporate, and the Penalty to be Levied in such manner as is herein before Directed, in relation to Offences in making Relp.

**Ropes.**

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons in making Twine, Ropes or Cordage, shall mix or cover any Old Hemp or Hempen Yarn, with New Hemp, nor shall mix or work up any Flaxen, Tow or Hemp, nor shall Expose to Sale, any Ropes, Twine, or Cordage, made up of Old and New Hemp, or of Hemp and Flaxen Tow, under the Penalty of such Twine, Ropes or Cordage, being Burnt, and the Person or Persons Offending therein, shall for every such Offence, Forfeit a Sum not less than Two Shillings and Six Pence, nor more than Twenty Shillings.



to the Person or Persons who  
 all Inform and Prosecute the same,  
 said Offences and such Penalties,  
 be Ascertained, Heard, and Deter-  
 mined by any Justice of the Peace, or  
 Magistrate, and such Penalty  
 be Levied in such manner as is  
 herein before Directed, in relation to  
 Offences in making Hely, who are  
 hereby Impowered to Cut or Untwist  
 any Rope or Ropes, for the Discovery  
 the Truth, at the Cost and Peril  
 the Informer, in Case the Com-  
 plaint shall be found to be unjust.

And whereas, by an Act passed in  
 England, in the Third and Fourth  
 Years of the Reign of Her late Maje-  
 Queen Anne, Intituled, An Act  
 to permit the Exportation of *Irish* Lin-  
 en Cloth to the Plantations, and to  
 prohibit the Importation of *Scotch* Lin-  
 en into *Ireland*. It was made Law-  
 during the Term of Eleven Years,  
 that, after the Twenty Fourth Day  
 of June, One thousand seven hundred  
 and five, to Export any White or  
 Brown Linnen Cloth of the Manu-  
 facture of this Kingdom, and Traf-  
 fic with, and Vendl the same into  
 any Lands, Islands, Plantations,  
 Colonies, Territories, or Places be-  
 longing

*Scotch*  
 Linnen  
 Duty free.

longing to the Crown of England in such manner as in the said Act particularly Expressed.

And whereas, by an Act passed Great-Britain, in the First and second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, Intituled, An Act continuing severall Laws therein mentioned relating to Coats, Hemp and Flax, *Irish* and *Scotch* Linnen, and the Assize of Bread, and for giving Power to Adjourn the Quarter-Sessions for the County of *Anglesey*, for the purposes therein mentioned, the Term for Exporting Linnen Cloth of the Manufacture of this Kingdom to the Plantations aforesaid, is prolonged for One Year, and thence to the End of the next Session of Parliament in Great-Britain.

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That during the mainder of the said Term of Eleven Years mentioned in the said Act passed in England, in the Third and Fourth Year of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, and during such further Term or Term, for which the said Act far as it relates to the Exportation of Linnen Cloth of the Manufacture of this Kingdom, to the British Plantations

us aforesaid, is continued, and for,  
 during such further Time and  
 term for which the said Act so far  
 it relates to the Exportation of  
 Linen Cloth of the Manufacture of  
 this Kingdom, to the British Planta-  
 tions aforesaid, shall by any Act that  
 may be passed in Great-Britain, be  
 continued: No Linen Cloth of the  
 Manufacture of that part of Great-  
 Britain called Scotland, which shall  
 hereafter be Imported into this King-  
 dom, shall Pay, or be Subject to the  
 additional Duty or Custom of Six  
 Pence per Yard Granted or Imposed  
 on all Linen Imported into this  
 Kingdom, by the said Act passed in  
 this Kingdom, in the Ninth Year of  
 our late Majesty Queen Anne, or by  
 any Act, during the Time and Terms  
 therein, and herein mentioned.

Provided always, That the Per-  
 sons or Persons Importing such Cloth  
 into this Kingdom, do make Oath,  
 that it is of the Manufacture of some  
 part of Great-Britain.

Anno Regni Quarto Georgii.

An Act for Exempting *British* Linnen Imported, from all Duties And Granting to His Majesty An Additional Duty on Cordage, and for the more Effectual preventing Frauds and Abuses in the Hemp and Flaxen Manufactures of the Kingdom, and for the further Encouragement thereof.

*British*  
Linnens  
Duty  
free.

**V** Whereas by an Act passed in England, in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of the late Majesty Queen Anne, Intituled An Act to permit the Exportation of *Irish* Linnen Cloth to the Plantations and to prohibit the Importation of *Scotch* Linnen into Ireland. It was Enacted, That it should be Lawful to Export from Ireland directly to the *British* Plantations, all sorts of White and Brown Linnen Cloth, being the proper Manufacture of Ireland: Under the Restrictions and Conditions in the said Act mentioned, for the Term of Eleven Years; which Act by one other Act passed in Great-Britain

tail



in the First Year of the Reign  
His present Majesty King George;  
intituled, An Act for continuing sever-  
al Laws therein mentioned relating  
to Coals, Hemp and Flax, *Irish* and  
*Witch* Linnen, and the Assize of Bread:  
and for giving Power to Adjourn the  
Quarter-Sessions for the County of *An-*  
*sey*, for the purposes therein menti-  
oned: Was continued for One Year,  
and from thence to the End of the  
next Session of Parliament.

And whereas by an Act passed in the  
Third Year of the Reign of His said  
present Majesty King George, Inti-  
tuled, An Act for continuing the Li-  
berty of Exporting *Irish* Linnen Cloth  
from the *British* Plantations in *America*;  
duty free. And for the more effectual  
Discovery of, and Prosecuting such  
Persons who shall Unlawfully Export Wool,  
and Woollen Manufactures from Ire-  
land, and for Relief of John Fletcher,  
in respect of the Duty by him paid for  
a quantity of Salt lost in the Ex-  
portation for Ireland, It is Enacted,  
that the said Recited Act of the Third  
and Fourth Years of Queen *Anne*, so  
farth as the same relates to the Ex-  
portation of *Irish* Linnen Cloths to the  
said *British* Plantations. Should be

If

and

and was thereby continued in full Force so long as the Merchants, and other Persons of Great-Britain, were or should be permitted to Import into Ireland, free of all Duties, such White and Brown British Linnen Cloth as should be Made and Manufactured in Great-Britain.

And whereas by an Act passed in this Kingdom in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of King Charles the Second, Intituled, An Act for the Settling of the Excise or New Imposition upon His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, according to the Book of Rates therein incerted. All British Linnen Cloth Imported into this Kingdom is subjected to an Excise or Duty of Six Shillings for every Hundred Ells.

And whereas by an Act passed in this Kingdom in the said Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of His said late Majesty King Charles the Second Intituled, An Act for Settling the Subsidy of Poundage, and Granting a Subsidy of Tunnage, and other Sum of Money unto His Royal Majesty His Heirs and Successors, the same to be Paid upon Merchandizes Imported and Exported into and out of the Kingdom

Kingdom of *Ireland*, according to a Book of Rates hereunto annexed. All British Linnen Cloth Imported into this Kingdom, were subjected to a further Duty of Six Shillings for every Hundred Ells.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Kings Most Excellent Majesty, by, and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be Lawful to and for all Merchants, and other Person or Persons of Great-Britain, to Import into this Kingdom, all such White and Brown British Linnen Cloth, as is or shall be Made and Manufactured in Great-Britain, Free, Exempted and Discharged of, and from the said Duties of Six Shillings, and Six Shillings for every Hundred Ells, and all other Duties whatsoever Imposed or Set on the same by the said Acts, or any other Act or Acts of Force in this Kingdom, so long and during such Time as it shall be and continue Lawful to Export from this Kingdom directly to the British Plantations, all sorts of White and

Woron Linen Cloths of the Manu-  
facture of this Kingdom, on such  
Terms, Conditions and Limitations  
as in the said Recited Act of the  
Third and Fourth Years of Queen  
Anne, are limited and appointed, and  
no longer.

Duty on  
Foreign  
Cordage.

And whereas great quantities of  
Foreign Twine and Cordage, have  
of late Years been Imported into  
this Kingdom, made of Old Stuff or  
Damaged Hemp, by means whereof  
not only the Lives of many of His  
Majesty's Subjects, and the Loss of  
their Ships, have been greatly En-  
dangered; but by reason of the  
Cheapness thereof, the Hempen Ma-  
nufacture of this Kingdom has been  
greatly Discouraged.

Be it further Enacted by the Au-  
thority aforesaid, That all Foreign  
Twine or Cordage (except what is of  
the Manufacture of Great-Britain)  
which shall be Imported into this  
Kingdom, from and after the Twen-  
ty Fifth Day of December, One  
thousand seven hundred and seventeen  
for, and during the Term of Seven  
Years next ensuing, and from thence  
to the End of the Session of Parlia-  
ment then next following, shall Pay



to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, the Rate or Duty of Five Shillings for every Hundred Weight, containing Five Score and Twelve Pounds of such Twine or Cordage imported into this Kingdom, during the Time aforesaid, over and above all other Duties payable for the same, to be Collected and Levied in the same Manner and Form as the present Duty thereon is directed and appointed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said additional Duty of Five Shillings for every Hundred Weight of such foreign Twine and Cordage, and Money Arising thereby, shall be applied to the Use of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of this Kingdom, and to no other Use whatever.

And whereas great quantities of White, Painted and Stained Callimaces, Sail Cloth, Canvas, Hollands, Embrycks, Lawns, Kentings, and other foreign Linnen, have of late been fraudulently Imported and sold into this Kingdom, without paying the several Duties Imposed thereupon, whereby the Linnen Ma-

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nufacture of this Kingdom hath been greatly Discouraged, and the Fund for Supporting and Encouraging the same hath been very much Impaired and Lessened, For Remedy whereof,

We it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Surbeyor or Land-waiter of every Port within this Kingdom, or such other Officer or Officers as the Commissioners of His Majesty's Revenue shall appoint shall be, and are hereby Authorized and Required from time to time from and after the said Twenty Fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and seventeen, to Mark and Stain with the Impression of a Harp and Crown of a Red Colour, or Seal with such Seal as the said Commissioners of the Revenue shall from time to time direct or appoint every piece of White, Painted or Stained Calicoes, and of all Sail Cloth, Canvas, Hollands, Cambricks, Lawns, Linens, and other Foreign Linnen which shall be Imported into this Kingdom after the time aforesaid and to keep an Entry and Register thereof in a Book for that purpose to be provided, the said respective Goods to be Marked, Stained or Sealed

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and Registered in the Custom-houses,  
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where they shall be so Imported,  
without any Fee or Reward for so  
doing, before they be Discharged and  
Delivered out of the said Custom-  
House or Ware-house where they  
shall be respectively Imported and En-  
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And be it further Enacted by the  
Authority aforesaid, That on or be-  
fore the Twenty Fifth Day of De-  
cember, One thousand seven hundred  
and seventeen, such Surveyors, Land-  
Waiters, Officer or Officers, shall,  
and are hereby Authorized and Requi-  
red to Mark, Stain or Seal, as afores-  
said, all and every such Goods and  
Merchandizes, which shall be then in  
the Hands of any Merchants, Shop-  
keeper, Retailer, or any other Per-  
son or Persons Dealing in such  
Goods, or any of them, and intending  
to Sell the same; and all and every  
Merchant, Shop-keeper, Retailer, or  
other Person or Persons Dealing or  
Trading in such Goods, or any of  
them, are hereby required on, or be-  
fore the said Twenty Fifth Day of  
December, One thousand seven hun-  
dred and seventeen, to cause all White,

Painted or Stained Callicoes, Foreign Sail Cloth, Canvas, Hollands, Cambricks, Lawns, Kentings, and other Foreign Linnen, which shall be in their, or any of their Custody or Keeping, or in the Custody or Keeping of any other Person or Persons in Trust for him, her or them, to be Marked, Stained or Sealed, and Registered as aforesaid, for which, no Fee or Reward shall be paid or taken.

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feited.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said Twenty Fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and seventeen, all White, Painted or Stained Callicoes, and all Foreign Sail Cloth, Canvas, Hollands, Cambricks, Lawns, Kentings, and other Foreign Linnen, which shall be Imported, or which shall be found in the Custody or Possession of any Merchant, Shop-keeper or Retailer, or other Person or Persons Dealing or Trading in the said Goods, or any of them, or which shall be Offered or Exposed to Sale, not being Marked and Stained, or Sealed in manner aforesaid, shall be, and are hereby Declared to be Forfeited, and that every such Merchant, Shop-keeper,



keeper, Retailer, or other Person or Persons usually Dealing or Trading in the said Goods, or any of them, who shall Import, or have in his, her or their Possession or Custody, or Expose or Offer to Sale any Goods not being Marked or Stained, or Sealed as aforesaid, shall over and above the Forfeiture of such Goods, likewise forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds, One Moiety of all such Forfeitures, shall go to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the Use and Encouragement of the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures of this Kingdom; and the other Moiety to such Person or Persons who shall Sue for the same, to be Recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in the King's Courts Dublin, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Delay of Law, shall be allowed, and no more than one Imparlance.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall Alter, Counterfeit or Misapply the said Mark, Stain or Seal, Offer or Expose to Sale any White, dyed or Stained Callicoes, Foreign Sail Cloth, Canvas, Hollands, Cam:

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Cambzicks, Lawns, Kentings, other Foreign Linnen, with any False or Counterfeit Mark, Stain or Seal, knowing the same to be False and Counterfeit, being thereof Lawfully Convicted, shall stand in the Pillory during the space of Three Hours in the Forenoon, and shall forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds to such Person or Persons who shall Sue for the same, to be Recovered in like manner as is herein before mentioned.

Lime.

And whereas by an Act passed the Second Year of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, Intituled, An Act for the Improvement of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures in this Kingdom It is Enacted, That no Person or Persons shall make use of any Lime in the Whitening or Bleaching any Linnen Cloth or Linnen Yarn under the Penalty of Five Pounds, and Forfeiture of the Cloth and Yarn to the Informer: To be Recovered in manner therein mentioned. Which Penalties have been Evaded by the clandestine manner in which such Lime is used and the practice thereof still continuing to the great prejudice and discredit of the Linnen Manufacture, For Remedy whereof,

Be it further Enacted by the Au: Lime.

Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be Lawful to and for any one or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate, within their respective Jurisdictions, by Writing under his or their Hand, to summon the Servant of any Bleacher, or any other Person or Persons whatsoever, to appear before him or them; and upon his or their appearance, to Examine him or them upon Oath, which the said Justice or Justices of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate, are hereby Impowered to Administer, what such Servants, Person or Persons know of his or their Master, or of any other Person or Persons using Lime in the Bleaching of Linnen Cloth or Linnen Varn, during Three Months next preceding the Time of such Examination; and in Case such Servant, Person or Persons being so Summoned, shall neglect or refuse to appear pursuant to such Summons, such Justice or Justices of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate, may Issue his or their Warrant to Apprehend and Bring before him or them, such Servant, Person or Persons; and in Case he or they refuse

refuse to be Examined upon Oath, to the purpose aforesaid, That it shall and may be Lawful to and for such Justice or Justices of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate, to Commit such Offender or Offenders to the House of Correction, there to be Whipt and Kept at hard Labour for the space of Thirty Days, unless he or they do sooner submit to be Examined as aforesaid; the Person demanding such Oath to be Tendered to such Servant first making Oath, if the same shall be required, That he believes the Person whom he desires to be Examined on Oath, knoweth and can Discover some Breach of this present Act committed by His Master, if he shall be obliged to Take such Oath; nevertheless such Servant or Person shall not Forfeit or be Punished for any Matter or Thing relating to the Crime for Bleaching; which he shall on such his Examination discover.

Lime.

And whereas Offenders in Bleaching with Lime, do frequently conceal the Cloth and Varn so Bleached with Lime, to prevent its being Seized.

Lime.

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That on proof made

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the Bleaching of any Linnen Cloth or Varn with Lime, before any Justice of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate, if such Linnen Cloth or Varn withdrawn or concealed, so that it cannot be Seized and Delivered to the Informer according to the intent of the above recited Act.

That it shall and may be Lawful Lime.

and for such Justice of Peace or Chief Magistrate, to Enquire by the oath of One or more Credible Witnesses or Witnesses, into the Value of such Cloth or Varn so Bleached with Lime, and withdrawn or concealed as aforesaid, and whatever Sum he finds the same amount to, shall Issue his Warrant Directed to any Constable or Constables of the said County, to levy by such Sum by Distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods, and pay the Sum so to be Levied to the Prosecutors, rendering the Overplus, if any be, to the Owner of the said Goods.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be Lawful to and for the Itinerant Pan or Itinerant Pen, appointed by the Trustees for Improving the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures, or any other Person or Persons

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sons appointed by the said Trustee  
or by any of His Majesty's Justices  
of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate,  
Writing under his or their Hands,  
Enter into any Bleach-yard, Buck  
House, or the Appurtenances there  
belonging, at any Hour of the Day  
and View and Search all Place  
Rooms, Kiebes, and Boilers therein  
and View the Keys, and the Refus  
and Dregs thereof: And in Case at  
Lime be found within such Bleach  
Yard or Buck-house, or that it ap  
pears, That any Lime has been mi  
ed with such Keys, that the Tena  
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all and every Person or Persons who  
ing in the said Buck-house, shall  
cur the said Penalties as are inflict  
by the said Recited, or this piece  
Act, on Persons that make use  
Lime in Bleaching Linnen Cloth  
Barn.

Lime.

And be it further Enacted by the  
Authority aforesaid, That the Const  
ble or Constables, who by Virtue  
any Warrant from such Just  
of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate  
shall Seize such Cloth or Barn Blea  
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And if any Constable or Constables Lime.  
glect or refuse to Execute such  
arrant of any Justice of the Peace,  
Chief Magistrate, or they for every  
ch Offence, shall Forfeit the Sum  
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n or Persons concerned before him,  
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e said Complaint, and Issue a War-  
nt to any other Constable or Con-  
ables, to Levy the said Penalty of  
five Pounds, by Distress and Sale  
the Offenders Goods, rendring him  
e Overplus if any be.

And be it further Enacted by the Lapping  
uthority aforesaid, That from and of Cloth:  
fter the said Twenty Fifth Day of  
December, One thousand seven hun-  
ed and seventeen, no Linnen Cloth  
shall be Made and Lapped up for  
sale while it is Wet or Damp, nor  
with any Chalk Dust or Flower, un-  
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der the Penalty of such Cloth being  
Forfeited to any Person or Persons  
who shall Seize the same, and carry  
it before any Justice of the Peace, or  
Chief Magistrate, within their respec-  
tive Jurisdictions, who are hereby  
Impowered to Examine, and finally  
Determine the same.

Watering  
of Flax.

And be it further Enacted by the  
Authority aforesaid, That from and  
after the Twenty fifth Day of De-  
cember, One thousand seven hundred  
and seventeen, no Flax shall be Steep-  
ed or Watered in any small Bogg  
Hole or Turf-pit, wherein any Bogg  
Oak or Firr, or the Roots or Chips  
thereof remain; and that no Flax  
shall be Steeped or Watered in any  
Hole or Pit, with standing Water  
for Two Years successively.



Anno Regni Sexto Georgii.

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# ACT

For the better Regulating the Buying and Selling of Yarn and Cloth, and further Improving the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of this Kingdom.

**W**HEREAS Divers All Disposed Persons with intent to Evade the good Laws made for Regulating the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures in this Kingdom, Carry their Cloth and Yarn to Cities, Towns and Villages where Fairs are usually held, several Days before the Time Law appointed for Holding such Fairs, and Sell the same in a clandestine manner; For Remedy thereof,

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Be it Enacted by the Kings Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled and by the Authority of the same That from and after the First Day of November One thousand seven hundred and nineteen, all Linnen Cloth and Varn shall be Sold Publickly in open Market or at Lawfull Fairs at the Day or Days on which such Markets or Fairs by Law ought to be Held, or within Two Days next preceeding such Fair Day, and all Linnen Varn shall be Sold Publickly at such Markets or Fairs without Doors between the Hours of Eight of the Clock in the Morning and Eight of the Clock in the Evening; and any Person or Persons shall Sell or Expose to Sale any such Cloth or Varn at any Patron or Unlawfull Assembly, or sooner than Two Days before the Day on which such Fair by Law ought to be Held, or shall Sell or Expose to Sale any Linnen Varn in any House or Houses, or at any Time except between the Hours of Eight of the Clock in the Morning and Eight of the Clock in the Evening.

the Evening, all such Cloth and  
 Barn shall be, and is hereby Declared  
 to be Forfeited.

And it shall and may be Lawful to  
 and for any person or persons to Seize  
 and Carry the same before any Justice  
 of the Peace or Chief Magistrate with-  
 in their respective Jurisdictions, who  
 are hereby Impowered upon the Oath  
 of One or more Credible Witnesses  
 of the Parties, which Oath they are  
 hereby Authorized to Administer, to  
 Hear and finally to Determine the  
 same, and Condemn or Discharge such  
 Cloth or Barn so Seized as aforesaid;  
 And for the more effectual Obliging  
 of all Persons to Reel and Divide  
 their Barn into Cuts and Dozens  
 pursuant to the good Laws in Force  
 in this Kingdom.

Be it further Enacted by the Au-  
 thority aforesaid, That from and af-  
 ter the First Day of February One  
 thousand seven hundred and twenty  
 one, no Person or Persons shall in  
 Buying or Selling of Barn make  
 Use of any Ouncels, Scales or  
 Weights whatsoever, under the Pe-  
 nalty of Forfeiting Twenty Shil-  
 lings to such Persons as shall Sue  
 for the same, to be Recovered by Ci-

Ouncels.

all Bill at the next Assizes to be  
Held for the County wherein such Of-  
fence shall be committed ; And also  
such Duncels, Scales, and Weights  
shall be forfeited to any Person or  
Persons who shall Seize and Carry  
the same before any Justice of the  
Peace or Chief Magistrate within  
their respective Jurisdictions, who are  
hereby Impowered to Examine and  
finally Determine the same.

Reels.

And be it further Enacted by the  
Authority aforesaid, That it shall and  
may be Lawful to and for any Ju-  
stice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate  
within their respective Jurisdictions,  
and to and for any of the Trustees ap-  
pointed or hereafter to be appointed  
for Improving the Hempen and Flax-  
en Manufactures, or any Person or  
Persons thereunto Authorized, by  
Writing under Hand and Seal of  
any One or more of such Justices of  
the Peace, Chief Magistrate or Tru-  
stees, to Enter into any House or  
Houses the Doors thereof being open.

And if it shall happen that any  
Reel or Reels be there found other  
than Two Yards and a Half in  
Circumference, such Justices of the  
Peace, Chief Magistrate or Trustees,

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or any Persons by them Authorized as  
foresaid, shall and may and are here-  
by required to Break, Burn, and ut-  
terly to Destroy the same.

And to prevent Frauds in Making  
and Selling of Threads, Tapes,  
Breads and Bobbins,

Be it Enacted by the Authority  
foresaid, That from and after the  
first Day of November One thou-  
sand seven hundred and twenty, all  
Thread whether White or Coloured,  
and all Bolls made of Double Flax-  
en Yarn shall be Reeled on a Reel  
of Forty Four Inches or more in  
Circumference, and shall be Divided  
into Scains, each Scain to contain  
Twelve Threads, and all Tapes com-  
monly Called Diaper and Twill'd  
Tapes, shall be made up in Pieces  
containing in Length Twelve Yards  
or upwards in every Piece; and all  
the plain Tapes whether White or  
Red shall be made up in Pieces con-  
taining in Length Twenty Four  
Yards or more in each Piece, and all  
Tapes commonly Called Chatts, In-  
gles and Filleting, shall be made  
up in Pieces containing in Length  
Thirty Six Yards in each Piece,  
and such Chatts shall contain Thir-

Thread,  
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teen Threads in Breadth, Inkles  
 shall contain Twenty One Threads  
 in Breadth, Parrow Filleting shall  
 contain Thirty Three Threads in  
 Breadth, and Broad Filleting shall  
 contain Forty Nine Threads in  
 Breadth or more, and all Breads,  
 Ferretings and Shoe-lace made of  
 Flaxen Yarn, or of such Yarn mixed  
 with Silk or Worsted, shall contain  
 in length Eighteen Yards or more  
 in each Piece; and all Thread-laces  
 commonly Called Points shall con-  
 tain Sixteen Threads or more in  
 Breadth, and all White Bobbin  
 made of single Flaxen Yarn shall  
 contain Twenty Four Yards in  
 length in each Piece, and all Bobbin  
 made of double Flaxen Yarn shall  
 contain in Length Twelve Yards in  
 each Piece; and if it shall happen  
 that any Person or Persons shall af-  
 ter the said First Day of November  
 One thousand seven hundred and  
 twenty, Sell, or Expose to Sale any  
 Thread, Tape, Chatts, Inkles, Fil-  
 leting, Breads, Ferreting, Shoe-lace,  
 Points or Bobbin whatsoever, that is  
 not Conformable to the Lengths,  
 Breadths and Rules aforesaid; or if  
 the same, or any or either of them  
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be found in the Custody or Possession of any Weaver, Shop-keeper, Petty Chapman or Retailer, then and in such Case the same shall be and is hereby Declared to be Forfeited.

Add it shall and may be Lawful to and for any person or persons to Seize and Carry the same before any Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate within their respective Jurisdictions, who are hereby Impowered upon the Oath of One or more Credible Witnesses, which Oath they are hereby Authorized to Administer, to Hear and finally Determine the same, and Condemn or Discharge such Thread, Tapes, Chatts, Inkles, Filleting, Breads, Ferretings, Shoe-lace, Points or Bobbin so Seized as aforesaid, and deliver the same to the party Intituled thereto.

And whereas Sopers Dregs do partly consist of Lime, and all Dung except Cow Dung is greatly prejudicial to Cloth or Worn that is Bleached therewith.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons in Bleaching of Cloth or Worn shall Use any Sopers Dregs, or any Dung except Cow Dung, such per-

son of persons shall Incur the like Penalties, and such Cloth and Yarn shall be subject to the like Forfeiture as if such Cloth or Yarn was Bleached with Lime.

Draw-  
backs on  
Callicoes,  
Hollands,  
Sail  
Cloth,  
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And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the First Day of November One thousand seven hundred and nineteen, no Drawback or Debenture shall be Allowed, Paid or Given by any Collectors, or any other Officers of His Majesties Revenue, to any person or persons for or on Account of Exporting of Callicoe, Holland, Foreign Sail Cloth or Linnen whatsoever out of this Kingdom, any former Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And for the more effectual preventing of Frauds and Abuses in Dyeing and Bleaching of Linnen Cloth, and bringing the same into better Repute,

Lappers.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be Lawful to and for the Trustees appointed for Encouraging the Wempen and Flaxen Manufactures of this Kingdom, or any five or more of them,



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t and proper person or persons  
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nd every such Piece or Pieces of Lin-  
en Cloth as shall be produced and  
ffered to him or them, and if such  
loth appear to be Merchantable,  
nd pursuant to the good Laws for  
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nds thereof, with the Name of  
ch Lapper and the County in which  
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Merchantable or not pursuant to the  
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 sons so Offending shall Forfeit the  
 Sum of Twenty Shillings for every  
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 or Marked as aforesaid, such Offence  
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 able Witnesses, which Oath such Jus-  
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 trate is hereby Impowered to ad-  
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 Chief Magistrate to Issue his Writ-  
 tant Directed to the Constables of  
 the said County to Levy the Pen-  
 alties aforesaid, together with Twel-  
 Pence for the Constable who shall  
 Execute the same by Distress and  
 Sale of the Offenders Goods, Re-  
 turning the Overplus to the Owner  
 which said Penalties shall be paid to  
 such Justice of the Peace or Chief  
 Magistrate

Magistrate to such Person or Persons  
as shall be Damned by Buying  
such Unmerchantable Cloth.

And be it further Enacted by the  
Authority aforesaid, That if any  
Person or Persons shall Sell or Ex-  
pose to Sale any Bleached or White  
Linnen Cloth not being Stamped  
and Marked as aforesaid, such Per-  
son or Persons so Offending, shall  
forfeit the Sum of Twelve Pence  
or each piece of Cloth so Sold or  
Exposed to Sale as aforesaid, to be  
heard, Determined and Levied by  
any Justice of the Peace of the said  
County or Chief Magistrates within  
their respective Jurisdictions in the  
same manner as above mentioned in  
relation to Penalties incurred by  
Lappers, to be Paid to such Person  
or Persons as shall give Informa-  
tion thereof.

And be it further Enacted by the  
Authority aforesaid, That if any Per-  
son or Persons shall Counterfeit the  
said Seal or Stamp being thereof  
lawfully Conbicted, he or they shall  
stand in the Pillory during the  
space of Two Hours in the Forenoon,  
and shall Forfeit the Sum of Fifty  
Pounds to such Person or Persons  
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terfeits.

who shall Sue for the same, to be Recovered in any of His Majesties Courts of Record, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

Duty on  
Sails Im-  
ported.

And whereas divers Persons to evade the Paying of Duty for Foreign Sail-Cloth brought into this Kingdom, make the same up into Sails on Board their Ships, and frequently Sell the same to other Ships in the same Port, and often great quantities of such Foreign Sail-Cloth are Run, and immediately after to conceal the same is made up into Sails ; For Remedy whereof,

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all New Sails (except what are for the use of such Ship made of Foreign Sail-Cloth found on Board any Ship or Boat) shall be liable to the same Duty as if in pieces ; and if such Sails shall be Landed or put on Board any other Ship or Boat without first having Paid the said Duty, the same shall be Forfeited to such Person or Persons as shall give Information thereof to the Commissioners or Sub-  
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Commissioners of His Majesties Re-  
venue, who are hereby Impowered to  
Examine and Condemn the same in  
the same manner as is Directed in  
the said Act of Excise, with the like  
Liberty of Appeal as is therein men-  
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For Amending the several Laws now in Force for Encouraging the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures in this Kingdom, and for the further Improvement thereof.

**F**OR Amending the Laws relating to the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures, and preventing Frauds and Abuses therein ; Be it Enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled,

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and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the Twenty Fifth Day of March which shall be in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twenty four, all Flaxen or Hempen Cloths Made of High White Yarn within this Kingdom shall be Lapped, Made up, Marked Sealed and Stamped by the same Persons in like Manner, and upon Payment of the like Fees, and under the same Penalties as well in respect of the Lapper who shall Stamp and such Flaxen or Hempen Cloths, as of the Person who shall Sell or Dispose the same to Sale, to be Seized for, Recovered and Levied by the same Ways or Means as in and under an Act of Parliament Made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, Intituled, An Act for the better Regulating the Buying and Selling of Yarn and Cloth, and further Improving the Hempen and Flaxen Manufacture of this Kingdom Relating to Stamping and Sealing Bleached Linnen, are Directed and Appointed, and that if any Person or Persons shall Counterfeit the said Seal or Stamp being thereof Lawfully Convicted, he and they shall

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shall incur and be Subject to the same Pains, Penalties and Punishments, as in and by the said Recited Act are Inflicted on any Person who shall Counterfeit the Seal or Stamp there- by Directed to be Set or Fixed to Pieces of Bleached Linnen Cloth.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said Twenty Fifth Day of March which shall be in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twenty four, if any Bleached Cloth or Cloths Made of High White Linnen shall be found in the Shop, Ware-House or possession of any Trader or Dealer, or reputed Trader or Dealer in Linnen Cloth Lapped but not Sealed, and Stamped according to the said recited Statute, or they in whose Custody the same shall be found, shall Forfeit the Sum of five Shillings for each Piece of Cloth not Sealed or Stamped as aforesaid.

Penalty on the Seller of unstamp'd Linnens.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said Twenty Fifth Day of March which shall be in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twenty four, no Unbleach-

Green Cloths to be Sold in Folds.

ed Cloths called Green Cloths, shall be brought to any Market or Fair, or shall be Sold or Expoted to Sale otherwise than in the Folds and no ways Tied, and if any Person or Persons from and after the said Twenty Fifth Day of March shall bring any such Unbleached Cloths to any Market or Fair, or shall there Sell or Expote the same to Sale, he or they shall for such his Offence Forfeit the Sum of One Shilling for every Piece of such Cloth so by him or them Brought to such Market or Fair, or there Sold or Expoted to Sale as aforesaid.

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And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said Twenty Fifth Day of March, no Felon Convicted according to the Course of the Laws and Statutes of the Kingdom of Stealing of Flaxen and Hempen Yarn or Cloth, or other Flaxen or Hempen Manufacture above the Value of five Shillings from or out of any Bleach-Yard, Buck House or Work-House thereunto belonging, whether the Fact be Committed by Day or by Night, shall be allowed the benefit of Clergy of the Act of Parliament Passed

the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, Intituled, An Act for taking away the Benefit of Clergy in certain Cases : And for taking away the Book in all Cases : And for Repealing part of the Statute for *Transporting Felons*. Any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Bleacher or Bleachers of Hempen or Flaxen Cloth or Yarn for Hire or Reward from and after the said Twentieth Fifth Day of March, shall Neglect to Bleach such Cloth or Yarn within the Time and in the Manner Contracted for, or shall wilfully do any Damage to such Cloth or Yarn, or shall commit any Frauds or Abuses in Bleaching the same, such Bleacher or Bleachers shall for every such Offence Forfeit and Pay to the Party Agrieved any Sum not less than Two Shillings and Six Pence, nor more than Five Pounds, to be Recovered in manner hereafter mentioned and Directed ; And likewise, That it shall and may be Lawful to and for all and singular the Weavers of Linnen Cloth within this King-

Bleachers  
Punishable.

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dom, to Run One Course Thread at the End of his Piece of Cloth sufficient to Denote the Number of Hundreds contained in the said Cloth and likewise near unto the same, One other Course Thread sufficient to Denote the Number of Beers contained in the said Cloth, without regard from thenceforth to be had what Colour the said Thread is of.

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Forfeited  
to be Cut  
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stices of  
the Peace.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when any Justice of Peace or Chief Magistrate shall Condemn or Adjudge any Linnen Cloth brought before him to be Forfeited for not being Made pursuant to the Laws and Statutes in force in this Kingdom, such Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate before shall Deliver the same to the Informer, shall and may Order and Cause such Cloth to be Cut and Severed into Three Equal Parts.

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pealed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Linnen Weavers who shall have before the Twenty Fifth Day of March the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twenty four, actually followed the Trade and Mistle of Weaving Linnen Cloth, shall



Discharged of and from all Penalties and Forfeitures whatsoever by him or them incurred on or before the said Five and Twentieth Day of March which shall be in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twenty four, for and upon Account of his or their having Exercised the said Art or Mystery of Weaving Linnen Cloth, not having Served his or their Apprenticeship to the Trade of Weaving Flaxen Cloth for the Space of Five Years, and not having Wrought at the Flaxen Trade as a Journey-man for the Space of Two Years, by Virtue of an Act of Parliament Made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, Intituled, An Act to Amend the Defects of such Acts as have been Made relating to the Hempen and Flaxen Manufacture, and to Encourage the further Improvement thereof.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons not having Served as an Apprentice or Apprentices for the Space of Four Years at least in the Trade or Mystery of Linnen Weaving, shall from and after the said Five and

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himself.

Twentieth Day of March which shall be in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twenty four, Set up for him or themselves, and keep a Loom and Work at the same as a Weaver or Weavers of Linnen Cloth, every such Person for such Offence shall forfeit the Sum of five Pounds.

Tools lent  
by the  
Trustees.  
not subject  
to Distress.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Looms, Spinning-Wheels, Reels and Hatchels which the Trustees for Encouraging the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures in this Kingdom shall lend or cause to be lent to any Person or Persons for Carrying on the said Manufactures, or either of them, being Sealed and Branded with the Seal or Mark appointed or used by the said Trustees for that Purpose, shall be Subject to be Distrained for Rent, Hearth-Money, or on any other Account whatsoever, or to be Seized or Taken in Execution, or by Virtue of any Writhe Process Issuing out of any Court by any Sheriff, Bailiff, or other Person or Persons whatsoever.

And whereas all Methods hitherto Used have proved Ineffectual to Oblige the People of this Kingdom to Reel and Divide their Yarn in a Regular and fast manner.

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Be it Enacted by the Authority a- Seizure of  
foresaid, That from and after the First Yarn.  
Day of November One thousand seven  
hundred and twenty four, during the  
Term and Time of Three Years from  
thence next following, and from thence  
to the End of the then next Session  
of Parliament, all Reeled Linnen  
Yarn which shall be found in the Cu-  
stody or Possession of any Spinner,  
Waker or Reeler of Linnen Yarn, or  
of any Person in Trust for them or  
any of them, or for his or their Benefit,  
which shall not be Reeled and Wad up  
according to the Directions of the Acts  
of Parliament in this Kingdom for  
that purpose made, shall be Subject  
and Liable to the like Seizure, For-  
feiture and Condemnation, as if the  
same had been actually Exposed to  
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And be it Enacted by the Authority Scales a-  
foresaid, That it shall and may be lowed but  
Lawful to and for any Person or Per- not Oun-  
sons in the fairs and Markets of this cels.  
Kingdom to make Use of Scales and  
Weights, but not Ouncels, in Or-  
der to Distinguish and Ascertain the  
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any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

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And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall be Convicted on any Indictment for Unlawfully Taking or Rescuing Linnen Cloth or Yarn out of the Custody or Possession of any Person or Persons who had Seized the same for being Unstatutable, or not pursuant to the Laws and Statutes in Force in this Kingdom, the Judges or Justices of the Peace before whom such Indictment shall be Tryed, shall and may by Examination of Witnesses and all other Lawful Means Enquire of the Value of the Cloth or Yarn so taken or Rescued from the Person who had Seized the same as aforesaid such Judges or Justices respectively after Imposing such Fine as they shall Judge proper, shall and may, and are hereby Required to make an Order Directed to the Constables of the said County to Levy the same by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person so Convicted, Returning the Overplus if any shall be; And in Case sufficient Distress cannot be found to satisfy the same, then to Apprehend the Body of such Person

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Convicted, and Deliver him to the  
Keeper of the House of Correction,  
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prize for the Space of Six Months,  
and to be kept to hard Labour and  
Whipt Once a Week, unless he soo-  
ner Pays the Sum mentioned in such  
Warrant.

And be it further Enacted by the  
Authority Aforesaid, That it shall and  
may be Lawful to and for the Tru-  
stees of the Flaxen and Hempen Ma-  
nufactures of this Kingdom, or any  
five or more of them, to Administer an  
Oath to such Person or Persons as  
shall Complain unto them against any  
Itinerant Man, Hemp or Flax Man,  
or other Person or Persons Employed  
by the said Trustees in the Execution  
of their said Trust; And likewise,  
to Tender and Administer an Oath to  
the Witnesses on either Side produced  
in Order to the said Trustees, or any  
five or more of them, Making a De-  
termination upon the Matter of such  
Complaint; And also, That it shall  
and may be Lawful to and for the  
said Trustees, or any five or more of  
them, on Hearing the Matter of such  
Complaint, to Impose a Fine on such  
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according to their Discretion, so as the same exceed not for any one Offence the Sum of Forty Shillings, to be applied to the use of the Party or Parties Complaining, and in Case such Fine be not Paid by the said Offender at a Time to be appointed by the said Trustees, or any five or more of them, then the said Offender may be sent to the House of Correction by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of the said Trustees, or any five of them, there to be kept without Bail or Mainprize at Hard Labour for any Time not exceeding one Calendar Month.

Panalties  
how Levied.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Offences against this Act shall be Heard and finally Determined by any one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace or Chief Magistrate within their respective Jurisdictions, who upon Complaint to him or them made, shall upon Examination of Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath they are respectively here by Impowered to Administer,) Adjudge and Determine the same, and Issue his or their Warrant to any one or more of the Constables of the said County, City or Town, Requiring and Impowering him or them by De-

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Arrest and Sale of the Offenders Goods,  
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dered to the Owners, to Levy the res-  
pective Penalties by them Incurred,  
which when Levied, shall belong and  
be Paid to the Informers, or such other  
Person or Persons as are herein before  
particularly mentioned to be Intitled  
to the same respectively, first Deduct-  
ing thereout the Sum of One Shil-  
ling, to be Paid to the Constable for  
Executing such Warrant.

And whereas by an Act Passed in Duty on  
the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her Foreign  
late Majesty Queen Anne, Intituled Linnen.  
An Act to Enforce such Acts, as have  
been made for the Improvement of  
the Linnen Manufacture, and for a  
further Regulation of the same. An  
Additional Duty of One Shilling and  
Six Pence per Yard was Laid upon  
all White Painted and Stained Cal-  
licoes, and Six Pence per Yard upon  
all Linnens which should be Impos-  
ted into this Kingdom at any time  
within the Space of Seven Years  
Commencing from the end of the  
then next Session of Parliament, and  
from the Expiration of the said Term  
of Seven Years to the End of the  
next Session of Parliament Ensluing,  
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which Duty was further continued by an Act passed in the Second Year of His Majesties Reign, Intituled, An Act for continuing the Encouragement given by former Acts of Parliament, to the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures : And for the further Improvement and Regulation of the same. During the Remainder of the said first Term of Seven Years ; And also during the further Term of Seven Years from the Expiration of the former Term of Seven Years, and from thence to the End of the Session of Parliament then next following, and is fit to be continued.

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Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Additional Rate or Duty of One Shilling and Six Pence for every Yard of such White Painted and Stained Callicoe, and Six Pence for every Yard of any sort of Linnen, shall be and continue Due and Payable to his Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for all such White Painted and Stained Callicoes and Linnen which shall be Imported into this Kingdom, (except it be of the Growth or Manufacture of Great Britain) for and during the Term of Seven Years, to be



Computed from the Twenty Fifth Day of December in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twenty three, and from thence to the End of the Session of Parliament then next following, which said Duties shall be Applied to the Uses and for the Encouragement of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures in this Kingdom, and be Subject to the Disposal, Order and Management of the Trustees appointed for Encouraging the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of this Kingdom.

And whereas by the said last Recited Act made in the Second Year of His present Majesty's Reign, It is (among other Things) Enacted, That any Person or Persons who should Export out of this Kingdom any good Sail Cloth well and sufficiently Made to any Parts beyond the Seas, at any Time within the Space of Ten Years next after the Twenty Fourth Day of December One thousand seven hundred and sixteen, should Receive as a Premium for every Yard of Sail Cloth Made of sound and good Hemp of Ten Pence per Yard Value, and under Fourteen Pence per Yard or upwards so Exported the Sum of Two Pence

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of Ten Years, that from thence d  
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Years, any Person or Persons so Ex  
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ceive as a Premium for every Yard  
such Sail Cloth of Ten Pence  
per Yard Value, and under Fourteen  
Pence so Exported the Sum of one  
Penny, and for every Yard of such  
Main Sail or Course Canvas made  
imitation of Holland Duck, of the  
Value of Fourteen Pence per Yard  
or upwards so Exported the Sum of  
Two Pence Sterling, to be Paid  
such Officer or Officers, and in the  
Manner as Drawbacks are usual  
Paid, the Exporter of such Cloth,  
any other Person or Persons, for  
making Oath, That the said Cloth  
according to the best of his Kno  
ledge and Belief Made of Hemp  
the Growth of this Kingdom, and that  
such Sail Cloth was never before  
Exported, nor any Debiture  
out or Premium Paid for the said  
cloth

which said Act has not hitherto been sufficient to Encourage the Setting up and Establishing the Hempen Manufacture in this Kingdom.

Be it Enacted by the Authority Do: aforesaid, That the said Premium of Two Pence for the Cheaper, and Four Pence for Main Sail Canvas, which by the said former Act were given for the Term of Ten Years, shall be, and be hereby continued for Eight Years longer, to be Computed from the End and Determination of the said Recited Term of Ten Years, and that the said Recited Term of Eleven Years, for which the said Premiums of One Pence for the Cheaper sort, and Two Pence for Main Sail Canvas were then, shall Commence from the End and Determination of the said Eight Years, and continue from thence for and during the Term of Eleven Years, subject nevertheless to the same Rules, Limitations, Restrictions and Directions, as in and by the said Statute of the Second Year of his present Majesties Reign are Mentioned, Directed and Expressed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person  
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Cloth &c.

son or Persons who shall hereafter make or cause to be made any Sail Cloth of Irish Hemp into any Sails or Top Sails for the Use or Furniture of any Ship or Ship upon the taking such Oath as is mentioned in the said Statute of the Second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, and upon a further Assent of the Sail Maker to be made before the same Officer before whom the said other Oath is to be Taken who is hereby Impowered to Admit after an Oath for that purpose of having Cutt and Made such Sail Cloth into Sails, shall Have, be Paid and be Intituled unto the like Premiums, and to be Paid in like manner for each Yard of such Sail Cloth as by the said Act of the Second Year of His present Majesty, and hereby Granted, Directed and Appointed for Sail Cloth Exported.

Male and  
Female  
Hemp to  
be Pulled  
seperate.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That at the Time of Pulling the Female or She Hemp, the Male Hemp shall be Pulled there with or Mixed one with the other either in Watering, Dressing or Selling, under a Penalty of Five Shillings



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Shall be paid per Hundred Weight, and so in proportion for any greater or lesser Quantity, to be Paid by the Owner or Owners of such Hemp, and no Hemp shall be Watered or Steeped in Boggs or Hols Pits, but in Loughs or Pools Drawn from Rivers or Brooks, and there to remain until sufficiently Watered, and not laid or Spread on Grass, or abroad any longer Time than to Dry, and make the same fit to Stack or House in such manner as the Person or Persons appointed for that purpose by the said Trustees of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of this Kingdom shall appoint or approve of under the like Penalty of Five Shillings per Hundred Weight, and so in proportion for any greater or lesser Quantity, to be Recovered by Civil Bill to the Use of the Informer.

And whereas the Business of the said Trustees and of their Clerk is the Clerk. Salary to the Clerk.  
of late very much Encreased, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be Lawful to and for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, to Order and Allow the said Clerk Officiating by

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